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AMERICA EXPECTED TO END HER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH VICHY

WASHINGTON, MAY 16 (REUTER).—FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE APPEAR TO HAVE COME TO AN END AND IT IS EXPECTED HERE THAT ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO VICHY, WILL BE RECALLED SOON.

Strong American efforts to keep France out of the Axis camp appear to have failed.

The French demarche and the statement of President Roosevelt that it is "inconceivable" that France should accept any "collaboration" which would imply an alliance with the Nazi regime have wiped the Hess story from the front pages.

ABYSSINIAN KEY TOWN TAKEN

British Campaign's Success

NAIROBI, May 16 (Reuter).—The capture of another Abyssinian key town, Sciasclamanna, is announced in to-day's official communiqué.

It states: "Operations in all sectors are proceeding according to plan. Sciasclamanna has been occupied and more prisoners were taken."

"In the southern sector, many Italian desertions are reported."

King's African Rifles
An interesting situation is developing in the southern sector of Abyssinia near Lake Sciala, where for some time, despite the difficult weather conditions, the King's African Rifles have been moving forward from Adama in a thrust towards Sciasclamanna past the central lakes.

After the capture of Fike, they pressed forward on both sides of Sciala, west of which, after crossing the Gidu River, they advanced to Bubbassa.

The Italians had decided on a heavy counter-attack with increased forces and had brought many batteries of artillery to bear.

After difficulties due to rain, an attack was launched on both sides of Sciala and hard fighting ensued in the Bubbassa region, but east of Sciala the British forces hurried back the attack and resumed the initiative.

Prisoners
Crossing the Dabunda River on Wednesday, the British forces captured nine light tanks, six field guns, four anti-tank guns and over 300 prisoners, including 20 officers, 400 European troops and over 100 Africans.

It was essential for the Italians that they hold Sciasclamanna, for its loss threatens the retreat towards Jimma of the powerful Italian forces still holding out southeast of Lake Margherita and on the roads leading to Diale from Yavello and Neghelli.

KING OF CROATIA

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—The proclamation of a future King of Croatia may be expected at the beginning of next week in the opinion of well-informed circles in Rome, states the German official news agency quoting a dispatch from the Italian capital.

GIBRALTAR NEXT?

Nazi-Spanish Agreement

BERNE, May 16 (Reuter).—Authoritative circles in Lyons state that an agreement has been signed between Germany and Spain, "authorising" German troops to use Spanish territory in order to attack Gibraltar, "states a report to the 'Tribune de Geneve' from Lyons."

"Spain would take a small part in this operation," continues the dispatch, "and in return Germany would supply her with food."

Norwegian National Day Banned

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—Norwegians are liable to be sentenced to death by the Nazis if they disobey an order forbidding them to celebrate their national festival tomorrow.

The Germans have forbidden any kind of demonstration, public or private, throughout the country, according to the Oslo radio quoted by the 'Norwegian Telegraph' agency.

The Nazis have ordered that all work and business must be carried on as usual although this is traditionally Norway's principal national holiday.

Death Penalty

Any violation of this regulation will be punished in accordance with the German Commissioner's proclamation of March 21, 1941, prescribing the death penalty for "any interference with the smooth working of any undertaking of importance for German defence or for supplies of the Norwegian people."

Soviet Protest At Hold Up Of Cargo

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Reuter).—Soviet Russia has formally protested to the United States; it is learned here, against the detention of a Russian cargo of Argentine and Uruguayan wool and hides at San Francisco while in transit from South America.

Chief topic of conversation this morning is what is likely to happen to French possessions on either side of the South Atlantic, namely, Martinique, French Guiana and Dakar, in whose fate the United States is naturally very interested.

The French action has come as a distinct shock to the public as well as to the Administration and has brought here a new realisation how close and important the war is to the United States.

RED SEA BLOCKADE

Roosevelt Defies Nazis To Try It

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 16 (UP).—At the press conference to-day, President Roosevelt virtually defied Germany to make a blockade of the Red Sea effective. It is recalled that the United States has twice fought undeclared wars on similar issues.

The President declared that the international situation is too grave to permit him to answer hypothetical questions because he is operating on an hour to hour, day to day basis.

He declared that the freedom of the seas was an historic American policy and asserted that Germany's proclamation that a combat area exists in the Red Sea presented the question of Germany's ability to make a blockade effective there.

Defence Reserve

Mr Joseph Harrop has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the Key Posts Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve, and Mr Leonard John Davies has been enrolled in the Essential Services Group.

Mr F. P. Anslow, Mr W. G. Calder and Mr C. L. Clarke have been allowed to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr E. G. Price has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the Essential Services Group.

Pétain Gratifies Berlin

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—Marshal Pétain's broadcast to the French people yesterday was received with lively attention in Berlin, where the message was seen in local political circles as recognition of European collaboration, says the German official news agency quoted by the Berlin radio.

Knox Sums Up

NEWPORT, R.I., May 16 (Reuter).—Colonel Frank Knox, United States Secretary of the Navy, interviewed here to-day, declared that the "most dramatic development of the past 24 hours was the turn-over of the existing French Government of Vichy towards Germany."

The Vichy Government, he said, was in the clutches of the Germans and was robbed of the direction of its own affairs.

"It is in a Hitler squeeze and is paying the penalty of being vanquished in war," he added.

Colonel Knox expressed the opinion that Hess was sane but under the impression that someone had the finger on him and that he was "two jumps ahead of the gunman."

Danger to U.S.A.

After saying that "it was utterly impossible to exaggerate the moral danger of our country at this moment of history," Colonel Knox, apparently referring to France, said: "What seems the subjugation of a once great nation appears to be accomplished by new factors which have entered into this subjugation."

Pétain Mised

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—"The Times" diplomatic correspondent says, "Last December Marshal Pétain opposed M. Laval's scheme. It was clearly a breach of the Armistice terms, and Marshal Pétain repeatedly said that he would cooperate with the Germans only within the terms of the armistice. Since then, however, the Marshal has become more feeble, capable of sustained work for no more than two or three hours a day. Much is kept from him."

Parts of the new arrangement that fit in with the armistice terms are told him, the rest is withheld. As for the French people as a whole, even less is told them. All news is given a German twist, and the British are portrayed as greedy aggressors. So far, this propaganda is little believed, but it is all they get as news out of their Government.

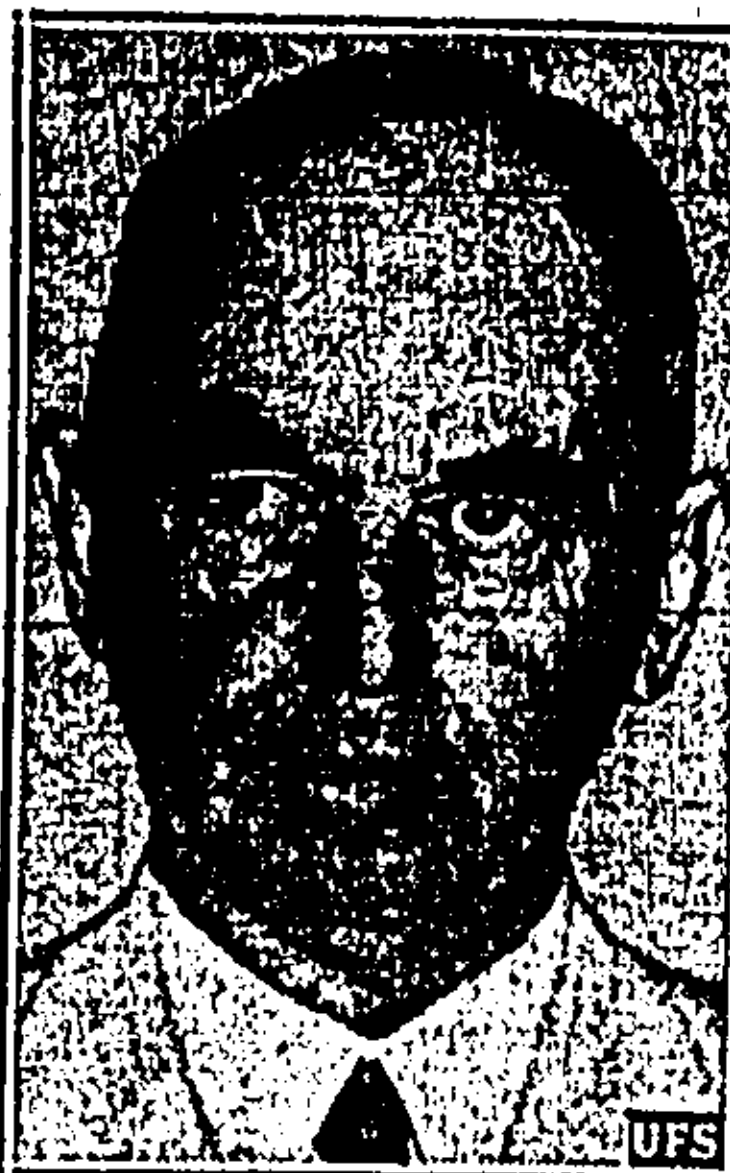
F.D.R. Stands By Speech

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt at a press conference to-day said that international conditions were too serious for him to interpret or to comment further on the implications of his appeal to the French people last night.

He dismissed a barrage of questions seeking to draw him out as too hypothetical.

One such question was: "Would the American Ambassador at Vichy, Admiral Leahy, be recalled?"

Envoy Who May Be Recalled



ADMIRAL LEAHY

British Success In The Western Desert

CAIRO, May 16 (Reuter).—Continuing the series of operations which have repulsed the German five-pointed thrust and which have flung them back to their original positions, British troops consisting of infantry with mechanised vehicles and some small support by the R.A.F. have ejected the enemy from Sollum, Mysaid, which is the upper Sollum village on top of the escarpment, and the Mussid Pass, six or seven miles southeast of Sollum.

Bomber Fund Donations

Thanks to a cheque for \$15,000 received this morning from Messrs Gilman & Co., Ltd., the Bomber Fund has reached a total of \$1,930,106.78, which means that only another \$79,893.22 is required to reach the \$2,000,000 mark.

Yesterday's donations included \$10,000 from Mr and Mrs R. Johannessen in commemoration of Norway's National Day, \$3,000 from Dr and Mrs J. W. Anderson and \$1,000 from the "17th of May."

7 NAZI FIGHTERS DOWNED

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—A number of enemy aircraft crossed the south east coast this afternoon, but were promptly met by strong formations of British fighters who beat them back.

Five enemy fighters were destroyed—three by fighters and two by A.A. fire. One British fighter is missing but the pilot is safe, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

Total Seven

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—Two more enemy fighters were destroyed over this country to-day, making the total seven.

LATEST

Attack on Enemy Planes In Syria: One Burnt Out & Three Damaged

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, May 16, (UP).—To-day's R.A.F. communiqué stated that yesterday, the R.A.F. attacked Rayak, Damascus and Palmyra aerodromes, machine-gunning six German planes at Palmyra and carrying out similar activity at the other two.

The German aircraft aground at Palmyra included three Junkers 90—the first time mentioned on the eastern front—two other aircraft and an Italian CR-42 fighter. Three were severely damaged and one other was burned out.

"Full details not available but preliminary reports state that large fires were started at the aerodromes and a considerable number of enemy aircraft destroyed."

The Fleet Air Arm successfully attacked the military barracks at Samawa, Iraq. A large number of bombs fell inside the compound.

German-occupied aerodromes in Greece were raided on Wednesday night.

French Story

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BEIRUT, May 16 (UP).—A communiqué issued by the French High Commissioner to-day stated that 16 German planes during recent days had made forced landings on Syrian aerodromes and the French, according to the armistice terms, prevented their departure as rapidly as possible.

The British, without warning, bombed Palmyra and Rayak on Wednesday and Thursday, killing one French officer. The barracks at Beirut and the aerodromes at Damascus and Rayak were machine-gunned and several men were wounded.

The High Commissioner protested to the British Consul General at Beirut stating that the British action constituted a flagrant hostility against France.

On Wednesday, Achrafia, a suburb of Beirut was machine-gunned and incendiary bombs were dropped but there were no casualties. Other villages also received incendiary bombs.

Using French Arms

CAIRO, May 16 (Reuter).—In the course of a broadcast appeal to Syria last night, General Georges Catroux, the Free French representative in the Middle East, revealed that 800 tons of arms and munitions drawn from French stores at Balbeck had been sent to Baghdad.

Enemy planes had landed at Beirut, Rayak, Aleppo and Damascus. Seventeen aircraft landed at Misze airfield in the course of a single morning.

General Catroux concluded: "If you choose to take up arms to chase out the enemy, I am at your disposal with eager French cohorts."

Fires On Aerodromes

CAIRO, May 16 (Reuter).—Full details are not available of the R.A.F. attacks on Syrian aerodromes, according to an official communiqué which says that the preliminary reports show that large fires were started on the aerodromes and that a considerable number of aircraft were destroyed.

The communiqué further states that on May 13 and 14, eight German aircraft were destroyed over Crete by R.A.F. fighters.

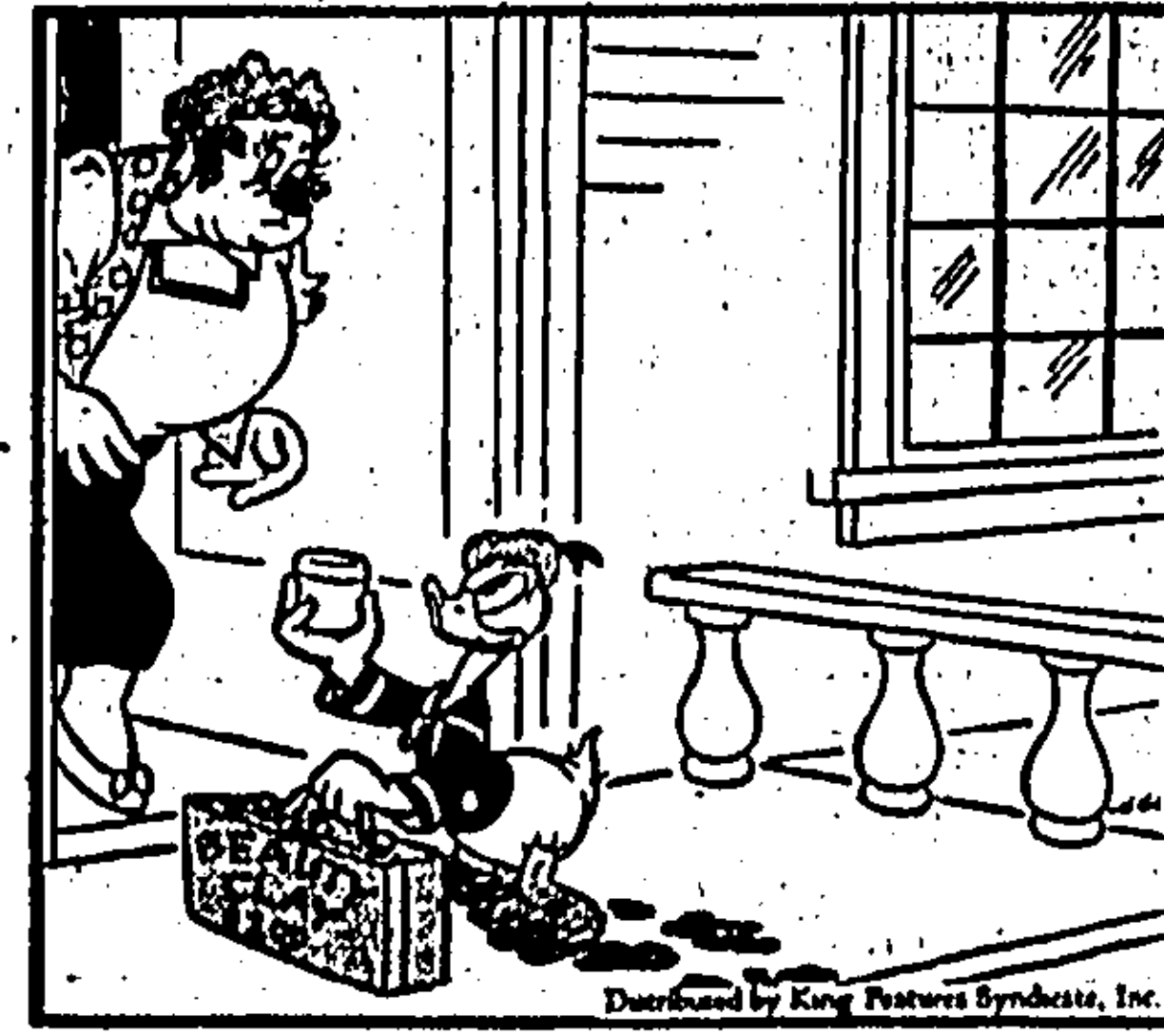
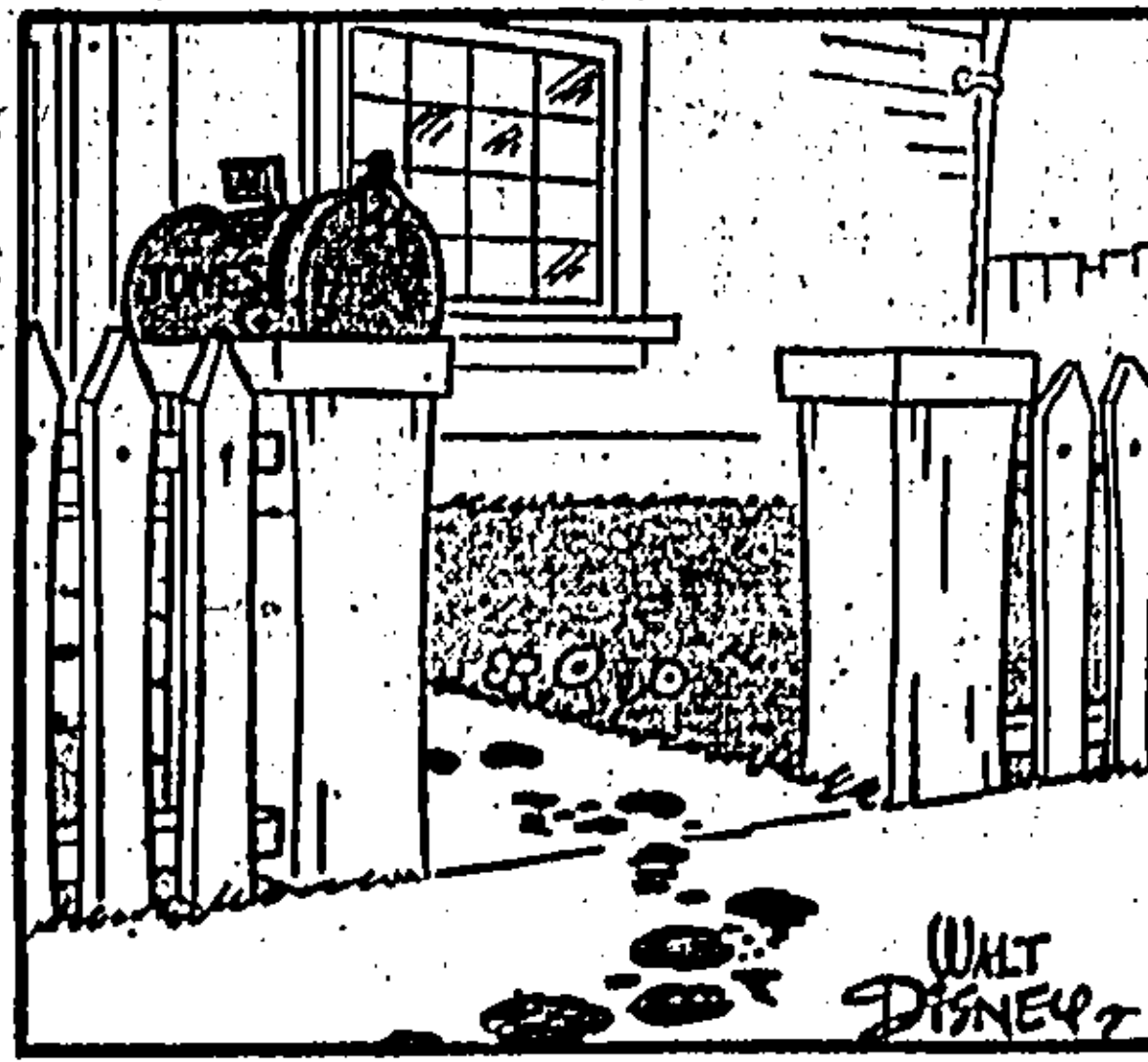
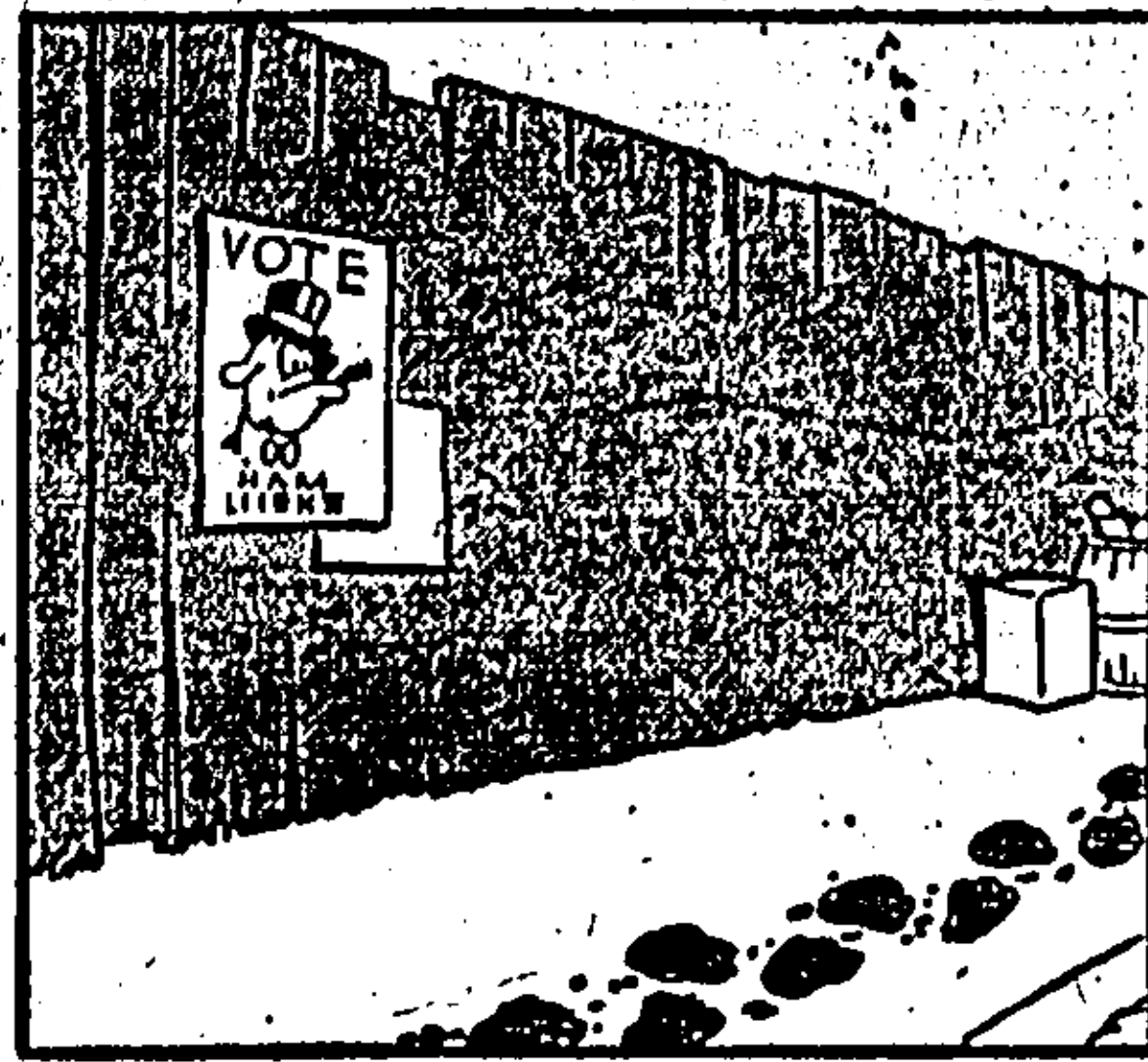
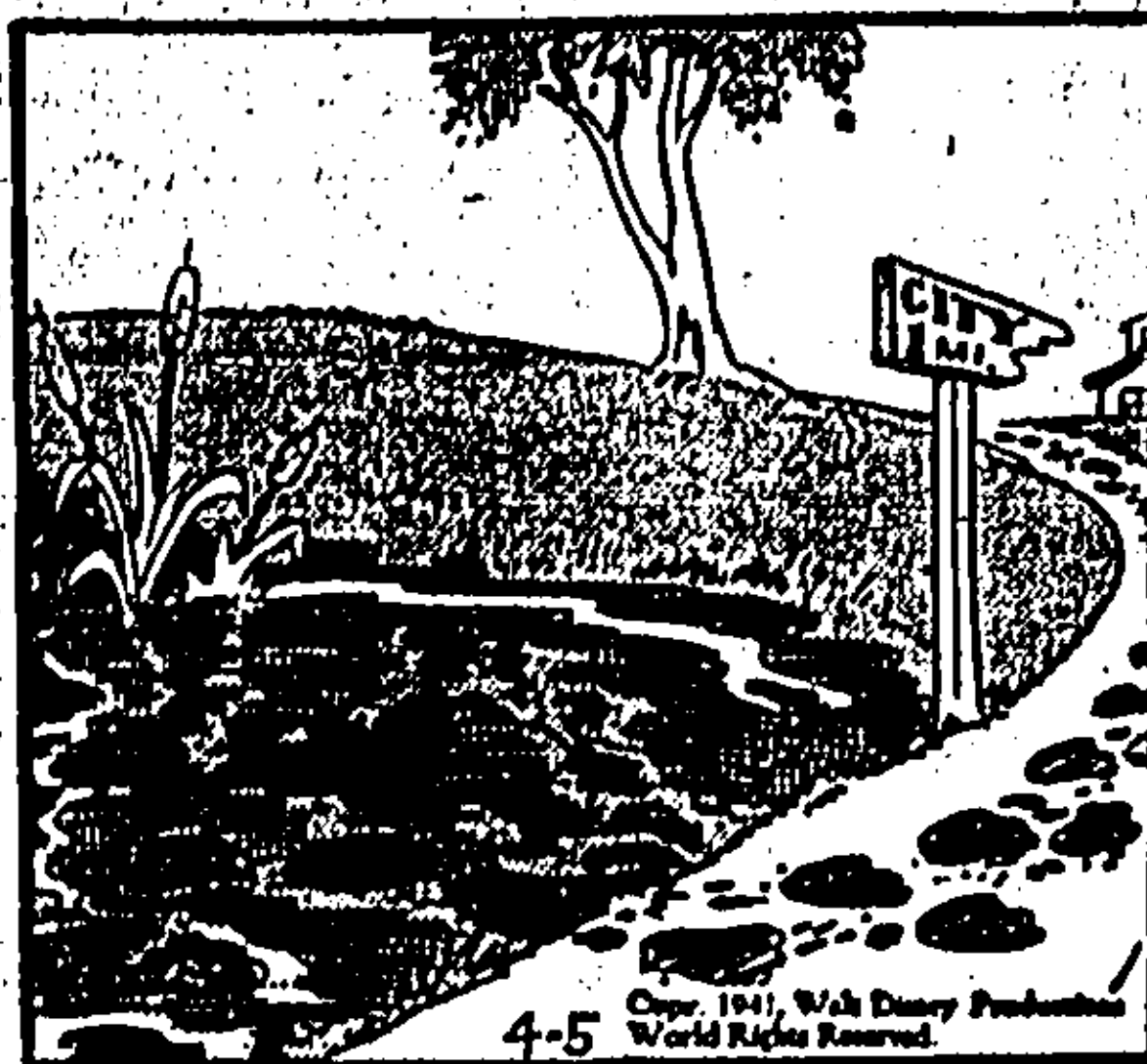
Henderson Says Hess Is Fanatical, Honest

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter).—Hess is described as "an absolutely fanatical supporter of the Nazi system and honest and sincere" by Sir Neville Henderson, former British Ambassador to Berlin, making his first pronouncement at Stamford, Lincolnshire, to-day, on the escape of Hess.

Sir Neville considered it out of the question that Hess had come to Britain on a secret mission because of the impression that the flight had caused in Nazi Germany.

"In my opinion," he said, "he had become convinced in the last two years that Nazism is the only way forward for Germany and that it is being used to serve the private ends of a thoroughly unscrupulous man, such as Hitler, Ribbentrop, Ley and Goebbels, who are not solely for Germany's benefit, but for their own. He was well aware of this, and he was well aware of the fact that the German people were being deceived. He was a man to whom Hitler was devoted and who was devoted to Hitler. He was one of the first to join the Nazi movement. I think his number is 121 and Hitler's is 7, and it is considered a distinction in Germany to be among the first 100. I do not know much more about his flight than you do, but I do know Hess."

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Detective Eyes of the ROYAL AIR FORCE

To the average man a photograph taken from the air is strangely puzzling. Even when the things it reveals are pointed out to him he may not be able to recognise them; often he wonders how anyone else can.

In these days the interpretation of air photographs is more than ever a closed book to the civilian, and if he hopes for enlightenment he may be discouraged. As an R.A.F. authority told me, "The whole thing is rather hush-hush." He put the position like this:

"In other days the spy was either a daring fellow or a beautiful lady, who with almost incredible resource gained possession of the enemy plans—danger, codes, wireless, pistols, and all that. To-day we are more prosaic. A piece of bromide paper, a photograph taken high in the sky at 25 or 30 'grand', and there you are.

What it means to interpret photographs from 30,000 feet

By GEORGE FYFE

Thus equipped, and using their reasoning faculties, they embarked on the task of wringing information from the photographic print. Some of their discoveries have been astonishing, and equally noteworthy is the speed with which the results are communicated.

Principal details, affecting the course of the war from day to day are reported immediately to the authorities. Then exhaustive reports, embracing the very smallest points, are prepared, and within twelve hours of the landing of the photographic machine the reports are in the hands of all departments.

After Print is Taken

"The air photographer, you see, has become the arch-spy in this war, and obviously we don't want to switch the searchlight on our own methods. That would merely help the sagacious Hun."

"That is all very well," I said, "but what about the person who sees a reproduction of some important air photograph, and often finds it quite impossible to locate the things you say are in it?" Is he entitled to be sceptical?"

"Certainly, if he feels that way. But you must remember that a newspaper reproduction of an air photograph, however good it may be, will never give you the clarity of the original. You can take it from me that the discoveries are actually there.

"Obtaining the photograph is only one-half of the achievement. The other half consists in interpreting the print. The fortunate circumstance for us is the consistent brilliance with which our interpretative work is being done."

I had an opportunity of appreciating the truth of his remark on my closer introduction to the methods of the small body of R.A.F. experts who interpret the photographs that are taken over the enemy lines. These officers bring to the work the attributes of the detective. As scientifically as Scotland Yard they analyse their material.

Surveys Before the War

They know what to look for, and with equipment that includes other articles than magnifying-glasses and stereoscopes, they secure effects that seem to me almost magical. They can pick up a clue from no more than a shadow, a story from a shapeless smudge. Keen disappointment is theirs if they fail to gather something of importance from a tiny speck.

Specially chosen, they include pilots who gained unique experience in peace time. Their job was to carry out air surveys and to map country that was largely unknown. In this way they perfected a technique that is of peculiar value to-day.

This knowledge, however, served merely as a basis when the war came. They supplemented it by intensive training, in the midst of which they had to familiarise themselves with the history of the war in all its aspects.

They were also required to become conversant with communication systems, and industrial and economic organisation in the hostile or occupied countries, and at the same time to study all subjects relating to the various armed forces in those areas.

Intelligent deduction plays a large part in interpretation. For instance, the Kiel photograph, in addition to revealing the location and condition of most of the main German Fleet, showed two vessels which were reasonably assumed to have been employed before the war in the transport of "Strength-through-Joy" trippers, and are now almost certainly being used as troop transports.

Must be Trustworthy

Similarly, it was confidently deduced that curious streaks shown in the water of Kiel harbour were caused by ships travelling through a film of oil that had been liberated from a pipe-line we had demolished with a bomb. It is characteristic of the interpreter's thoroughness that he should specify this oil as a high viscosity, probably with an asphaltic base.

Deduction is regarded as permissible in estimating damage not always observable. Thus the clear evidence in the Kiel photograph that the roof of a main power station had been pierced, and that the roof of the torpedo and gun store in the naval arsenal had also been hit, gave useful information.

With the knowledge the interpreter has of the penetrating power of the bombs used on that occasion he could safely conclude that the internal damage must have been very extensive.

At the same time fantastic claims are strictly avoided. Interpretations must always be adequately based.

Teutonism Versus Latinism

By J. Daly

Hitler decided, and Mussolini agreed, that Germany should have air bases in Sicily. This has intensified attacks on British ships, but exacerbated the bitterness between Germany and Italy. What is gained on the swings of strategy may, in fact, be lost on the roundabouts of sentiment.

The first significance of this news is strategic, the second is really illuminating. For over a thousand years Italy has been throwing back Teutonism north of the Alps. The age-long struggle between Teuton and Latin was born when Alaric the Goth sacked Rome with a savagery not much inferior to the barbarism of Hitler, the German, in Warsaw.

At last, Venice was freed from Austrian hands seventy years ago and a unified Italy stepped out upon a liberal career. It seemed that Teutonism had been definitely thrown back across the Alps and the struggle ended. But when I first read that Heinkels and Messerschmitts had landed in Sicily, I recalled the remark that an eminent Peruvian made to me recently in Lima: "It has remained for Italy, the mother of the Latin world, to commit the great Betrayal." He referred to Mussolini's stab in the back at France, but his words were even more prophetic: It is the whole Latin civilisation, which was born on the shores of the Mediterranean, that has found its Judas in the Duce.

Act Of Treachery

It is one of Italy's tragedies that since the fall of the Roman Empire, nothing great has long flourished there. Luxurious civilisations have come and gone; great achievements have had no sequel. Political tragedy broods over this lovely land, and it is no wonder that so many of her sons have found a wider freedom and a surer future in the pampas of Argentina or the broad coffee lands of Brazil. The supreme curse has now fallen, and by an act of treachery to the heritage of all Latin peoples, Mussolini has taken Teutonism by the hand and led it to the shores of the Mediterranean. Sicily has shared in this Italian destiny. In the heights above Syracuse, the glories of Hellas met their final term. The splendid civilisation of the Mornay Sicily, one of the great achievements of the Middle Ages, was destroyed by the terrible insurrection of the Sicilian Vespers. The betrayal of Sicily sank into insignificance. For a brief period the amazing adventure of Garibaldi redeemed her story from the commonplace, until the tragedy of the thirteenth century was crowned by the Betrayal of the twentieth.

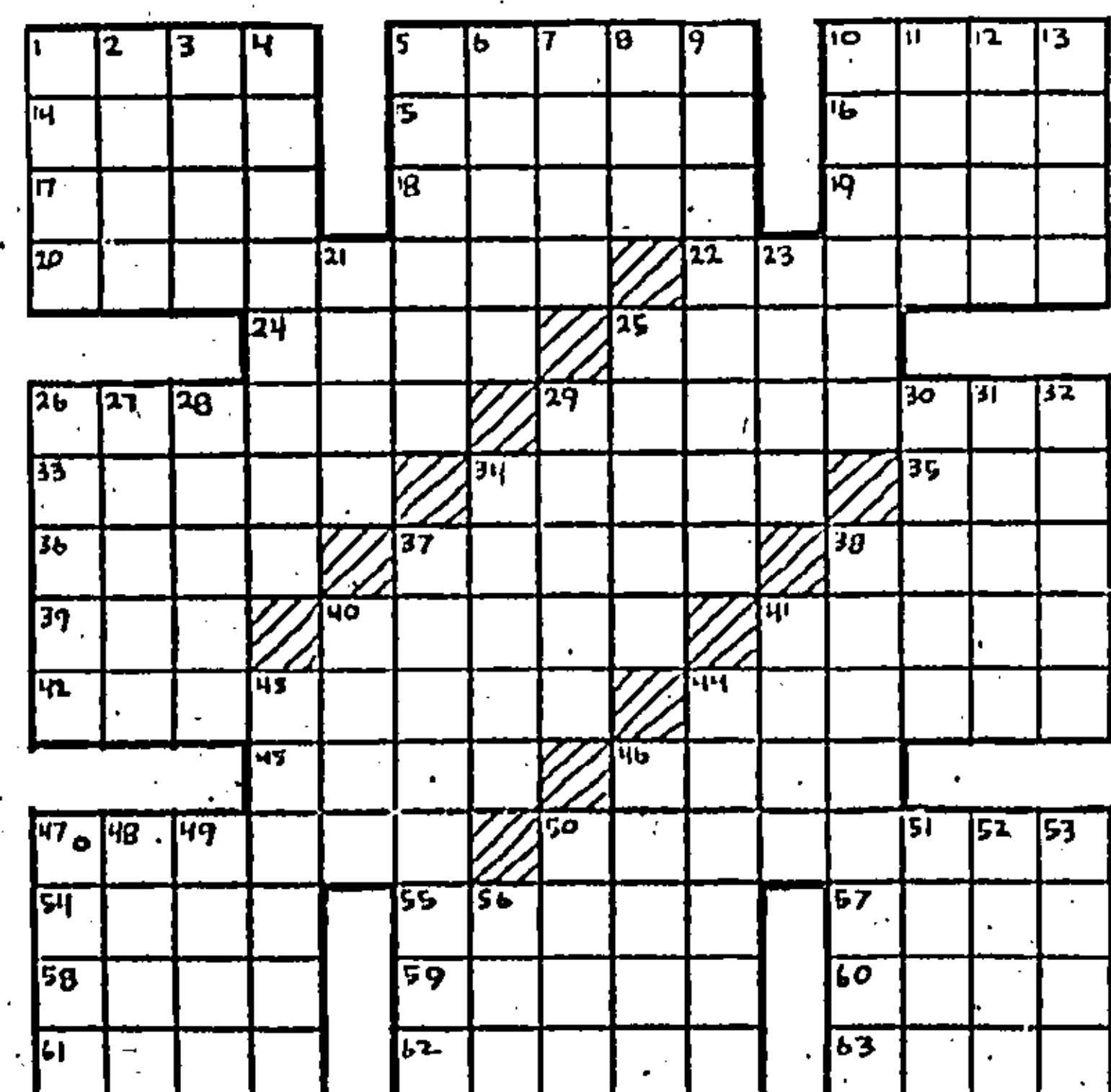
We need not pursue the Duce into the inner recesses of remorse. A man, guilty of such crimes, may also be the seat of the Caesars but cannot adorn it. France and Spain have found to their cost what his meddling interference means. The betrayal of Latin civilisation would, indeed, have been complete, if it were not for the fact that—happily for the world—it has never been completely grown to fruition in the New World.

Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- 1—Mineral springs
 - 2—Fictitious Latin
 - 3—Religious faction
 - 4—Rinced
 - 5—Decorate
 - 6—All time
 - 7—First name of Charles Lamb
 - 8—Accented
 - 9—Silver in Africa
 - 10—Farm-labourer
 - 11—By word-of-mouth
 - 12—Metal-producing tools
 - 13—Fatty tissue
 - 14—Musical instrument
 - 15—Interrelated
 - 16—Long S-curves
 - 17—Shrink back, as from blow
 - 18—Swiss
 - 19—Small nail
 - 20—Functory hymn
 - 21—Stomach of shell-fish
 - 22—Communist
 - 23—After (French)
 - 24—Elevate
 - 25—Attached
 - 26—Boundary-line
 - 27—Protest
 - 28—Avenue
 - 29—Loss regard to mind
 - 30—One distressed in mind
 - 31—Of the arm-pit
 - 32—Guzz
 - 33—Short letter
- DOWN
- 1—Strike
 - 2—Shaft
 - 3—Metody
 - 4—Spiced
 - 5—Kind of gem
 - 6—Turned overings
 - 7—Failure to keep
 - 8—Before
 - 9—Proclaim
 - 10—Legislative body
 - 11—Wickeder
 - 12—Room in jail
 - 13—Lure-up
 - 14—Clod of war
 - 15—Sawed
 - 16—Burn slightly
 - 17—Poisonous snake
 - 18—Sawed
 - 19—Marvellous monsters
 - 20—Beans
 - 21—Telegraphed
 - 22—Fast
 - 23—Delete
 - 24—Prevent from acting
 - 25—Mailed
 - 26—Shrinking error
 - 27—In-ter-re and
 - 28—Small rodent
 - 29—Utter loud cry
 - 30—Patented address
 - 31—Makers of holes
 - 32—Turning element
 - 33—Widely
 - 34—Slip up blow
 - 35—Auction
 - 36—Was arrested in
 - 37—English public school
 - 38—Tear
 - 39—Uncooked



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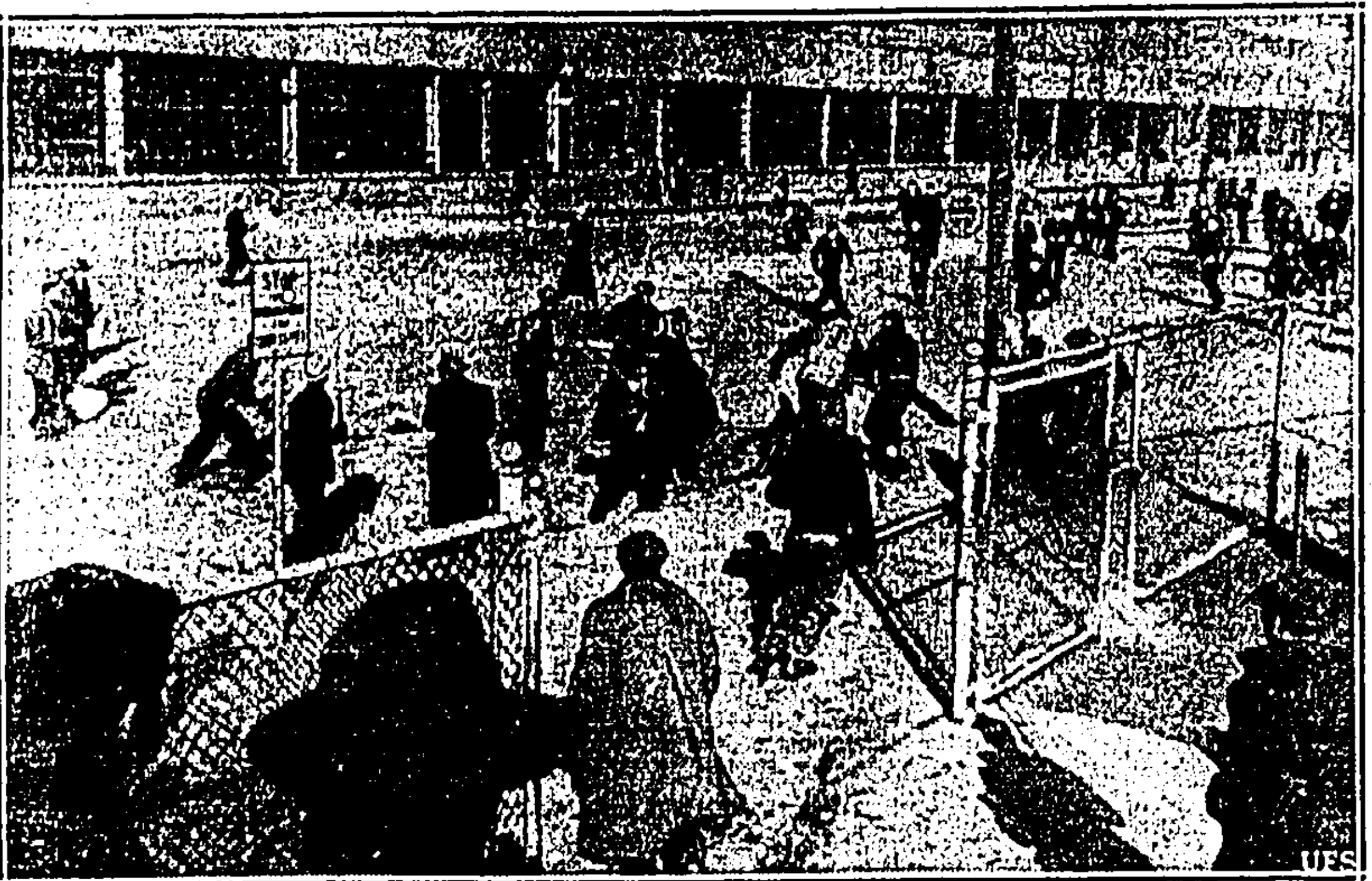
The camera records vivid scenes in the recent industrial strikes in the United States in these pictures, which have just reached Hongkong.

The top picture shows a line of strike pickets marching in front of the Bethlehem (Pennsylvania) steel plant. State troopers are on guard to ensure free passage for all men who wanted to work.

The middle picture shows a clash between C.I.O. strikers and workers at the

huge River Rouge plant of the Ford Company, at Dearborn, Michigan. Workers rushing from the plant are met by the strikers, and in the ensuing clash, in which knives, razors, iron bars and brickbats were used, more than 100 persons were injured and had to be sent to hospital.

In the lower picture, pickets at the Ford plant are seen closing in on a time-keeper who tried to go to work. The Ford Company later secured a court order restraining pickets from interference.



Serious Diesel Fuel Shortage in Thailand

BANGKOK, May 16 (UP).—Thailand will have completely exhausted her reserves of diesel fuel by June unless her stocks can be replenished before that time, official circles reveal here.

Diesel oil is highly important to Thailand. Her power plants, river tugs, buses and some of her factories run on diesel. Exhaustion of her stocks would deal a heavy blow to Thai economy. Rice exports would almost cease, inasmuch as most of her rice must be drawn by diesel burning tugs to Koh Sri Chang, an island in the mouth of the Menam Chao Phya, 50 miles from Bangkok, where ships with deep draft must anchor for loading. Entire towns would find themselves without light or power. Important industries would be forced to shut down.

Thailand uses approximately oil and gasoline to this country 4,000 tons of diesel fuel per month. About the same amount of gasoline is used. Most of this has come from the United States in the past. But the American licensing law suspended the shipment of steel drums to Thailand, and on the basis of this country's steel drums, in the absence of normal consumption before the war, were used for carrying war. Steel drums for oil were

also said to have been up for consideration. Should drums be released, gasoline reserves, with rationing, can be made to last until supplies can be obtained from America, it is believed.

Early in April the Thai government chartered a Philippine tanker to load 6,000 tons of diesel fuel at Richmond Virginia. Officials reveal that word has been received from Manila that the Philippine Government had requisitioned the vessel.

In a last effort to obtain diesel fuel before supplies are exhausted, Nai Vilas Osathanond, Minister of Publicity and President of the Thai Maritime Navigation Company, has left for the Java to negotiate for the purchase of Javanese oil.

The New York correspondent of the "Sunday Dispatch" says CHURCHILL should visit ROOSEVELT

I SUGGEST Churchill makes a flying visit to America to confer with Roosevelt.

Over the White House desk closeted with Roosevelt he could achieve more in a few hours than all Ambassadors, envoys, and special representatives could achieve in a year.

It would be a flight and mission that would stir the entire democratic world; it would provoke scenes of enthusiasm in America unmatched since the visit of the King and Queen.

His discussions with Prime Minister Mackenzie King resulted in the joint defence plan for the United States and Canada.

They met in a train, had dinner together, just the two of them. They smoked and talked and studied the situation. It took only a few hours, and when they said good-bye it was all worked out.

There is, of course, the question of safety and the consideration of whether Mr Churchill

By Don Iddon

The trip need take only two or three days of Churchill's time. He could fly each way.

I put my suggestion forward after trying it out on United States political leaders.

At first they said it was breathtaking, impossible of fulfilment, completely out of the run of things.

Later, when the thought had sunk in, they came back and said if it could be done—why, it would be tremendous.

Precedent Of Last Year

BEFORE France fell Churchill, and Chamberlain before him, used to slip over to America and back, hours of confer with Daladier and Reynaud and Gamelin. It was vitally necessary that in personal conversation the men who headed Britain should plan Allied strategy with the men who headed France.

No one thought there was anything sensationally unorthodox in these visits.

To-day the United States is Britain's Ally—fully fledged official 100 per cent., though as yet non-belligerent. The two countries are bound together against the forces of aggression, and their leaders have much strategy to plan together, feel it a great landmark in his perhaps more than Britain and France ever had. Roosevelt is an ardent believer in the efficacy of personal conference.

could be spared from England for even a day or two.

As regards the hazards of such a trip, it seems to me that living in bombed London offers as much danger as flying the Atlantic in war time.

The second consideration hardly stands up.

Churchill himself has stressed the overwhelming importance of American support in this war and has made it plain that relations between Britain and the United States are a most abiding concern.

A three-day journey to America and back, hours of conversation with Roosevelt and other American leaders, would clinch those relations for generations to come.

Effect On The World

THE benefits from a meeting hardly need emphasis.

The effect on already shaken Italy, on awakened France, on Turkey, and on every nation everywhere, including a Germany, though as yet non-belligerent, would be tremendous. It would chill Japan, and their leaders have much strategy to plan together, feel it a great landmark in his perhaps more than Britain and France ever had. Roosevelt is an ardent believer in the efficacy of personal conference.

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"Corp-ree!" says the Man from Leicester. "Yow ever done any foighting at noight?"

"Yuh," says Corporal Bearsbreath. "What's it, loike? Is it noice?"

"Whaddaya mean, is it noice?" Whaddaya think it is—a tea-dance? It's all right."

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THERE is something charmingly naive about the Man from Leicester. Life has pushed a him around a little, yet he seems to retain something of the innocence of a child. "Do it frighten yow?" he asks.

"If you let it," says Bearsbreath. "But you just ain't got to let it."

"How do you stop it letting it frighten yow?"

"Look 'ere," said Bearsbreath. "A man might be a who has known fear, swallowed born 'ero. See? 'E might 'ave fear, and who now fears nerve enough to go for Joe Louis."

"Ah-ah," says the Man from Leicester, fondling his battered other, everybody's a bit afraid nose.

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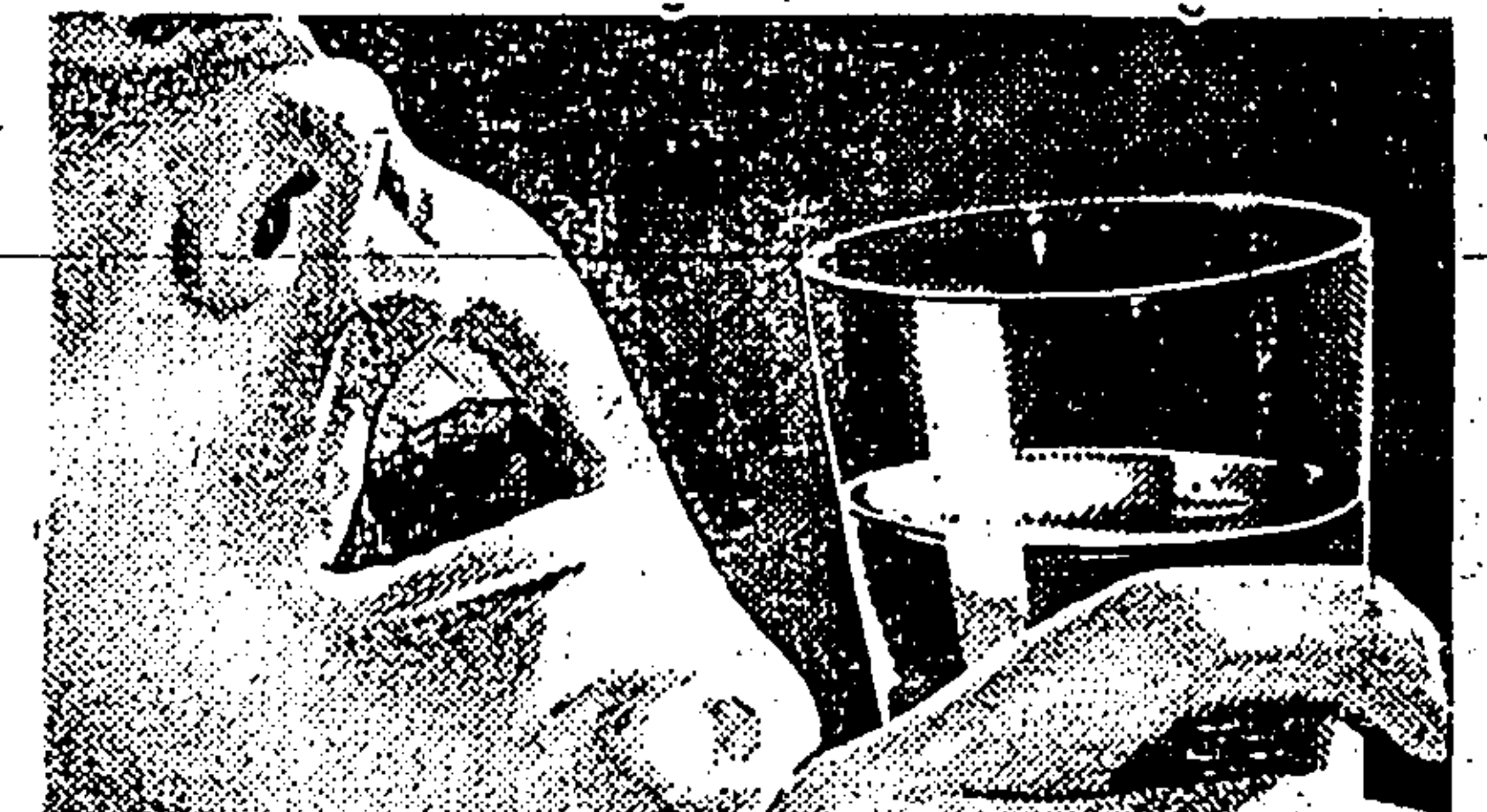
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By Ernie Bushmiller

One-Third of the Human Race Eats

RICE

By T. Paul Gregory

THE PRESENT becomes the familiar *paak-shortage* of the daily Chinese RICE in Shanghai and the menu, taking the place of decision of this Colony to bread.

supply the northern port As rice may be prepared have concentrated public attention on the problems connected with China's staff of that one could partake of a life. As the staple food-different form of it every stuff of at least one-third of day for several months and the human race, it is inevitable not exhaust the resource-table that anything con-fulness of the Chinese chef. nected with its scarcity, No wonder the Cantonese increase in price or abnor-aver that life without it is mal market demand should not worth living, and even at once become front-page designate those who have passed on into eternity as news.

Rice constitutes a larger *m-shik Kwongtung mai*, that part of the diet of the Asiatic is, "no longer eating Kwang-masses than the product of tung rice!"

It is, moreover, so intimately bound up with the daily life and customs of the people that it is probable that all Orientals have a different word for almost every particular form of it. This is especially true of the Cantonese, who call the young shoots or sprouts *yeung*, the plant while growing *woh*, and the unhulled grain *kuk*. The cleaned grain forms the *paakmai* (literally "white rice") of commerce. When boiled it

Actually, the amount of rice grown in the Middle Kingdom is hardly sufficient for its teeming millions of consumers but, strangely enough, much is exported as a luxury grain to many parts of the Asiatic littoral. Thus it happens that the Chinese farmer family growing rice often cannot afford to eat the produce of its own paddy-fields but has to depend on the cheaper imported product for sustenance.

In the province of Kwangtung three main qualities of rice are grown, the best being produced in the Shatin district of the New Territories. Indeed, so superior is the Shatin product that it was formerly included in the annual tribute dispatched to the Emperor at Peking!

Although practices vary in different parts of the province, the sowing of the paddy-fields usually commences in late February or early March, and transplanting of the tender shoots takes place about a month later. By late June the rice is ready for harvest, and shortly thereafter the fields are prepared for the second sowing. Thus two crops are usually obtained before November.

THE RICE HARVEST is one of the happiest times of the Chinese rural year and is the occasion of great activity. The heart of every peasant rejoices, and aged grandmothers croon rustic ditties to the children in celebration of the ripened field:

"Ho woh ah!
Ho saung-lei ah!
Kat-tsai kua noon-mei,
Yan-tsai chan foon-hei,
Woh-keng taai yue lei,
Woh-yip taai yue chan,
Taai-yan chan foon-hei,
Siu-yi sui-hei-hei!"

which may be somewhat freely translated:
"A good rice harvest (signi-fice) good business to everyone!
Hang up the tangerines above the door,
Young and old are truly happy,
The paddy stalks are as big as pears,
The paddy leaves are as large as boats,
The grown-ups are truly pleased,
And the youngsters giggle delightedly!"



Helpers at the recently-opened "fair price" depot in the Central Market, which is one of many centres where rice is being sold at Government prices. These depots have served to break profiteering by dealers. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

THOSE WHO HAVE WITNESSED the action of the treading pestle serves to polish the grain, and the process is hastened by the employment of powdered chalk. After being sufficiently polished, the rice is emptied into a large sieve and the dust shaken off, leaving the grain clean and white.

Such in brief is the story of the Chinese staff of life. In a nation, where so many of its population are so gravely concerned with the rice problem, it is understandable how the common greeting to friends should long ago have become the familiar *shik-choh faan mei ah*—have you eaten your rice yet? Indeed, this salutation sums up in a few words the paramount importance of the cereal grain to the Chinese masses.

CLOTHES FROM DOGS' HAIR

An elderly Sussex woman is using odd pieces of firewood and old rags to make into expensive-looking dolls for children who have lost their homes in the bombing of London and other big cities.

Carefully sewing the rags around the firewood and then painting in the features, she has already made many dolls, some of them for children evacuated from the Channel Islands.

Many people are learning to dye and spin the hair from their dogs' coats into wool to knit into comforts. One woman weaves these wools into cloth, which she then has made into costumes and skirts.

Another woman has a hobby of making things out of rubbish. From all types of waste, such as fish bones, fruit stones and pickings from the waste paper basket, she has made artificial flowers, blotters and toys.

THE FINAL PROCESS of preparing the rice for domestic use is that of polishing. In many rural households this is still done by use of the *ch'ung-hom*, a large stone mortar in which works a heavy pestle, raised by



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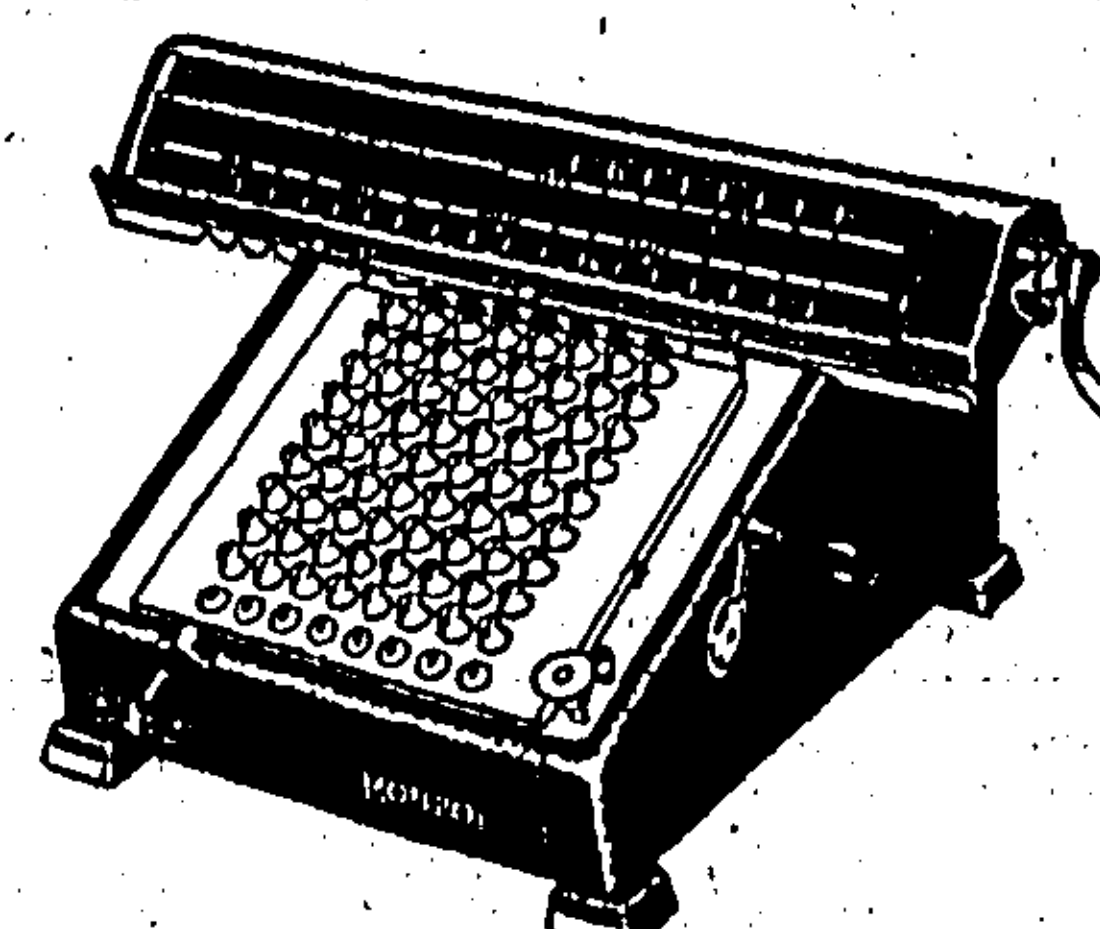
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Tulsa Team In Duo-Exhibition Games

Week-end Baseball At Caroline Hill Softball Still Going Strong

(By "BALL FAN")

TULSA'S mighty rip-roaring diamond aces, dead-set favourites to cop the Colony baseball pennant this coming season, and the hottest team so far in this year's southern balmy spring training sessions, will be out to cash in with two more pre-season exhibition wins as they tackle Flatbush "hot potato" Hamelin's Royal Engineers at 2.30 p.m. this afternoon, and head into a tough tussle with the H.B. Brewers to-morrow morning at 10 a.m. Both games have been carded for the Caroline Hill sand dunes.

Girls softball nines are booked to hold off-season "pow wow" games as Dave "Dixie" Walker's redbird Cardinals saunter across the bay and up the heights for a "big affair" with the rookie Truelight students at their Stubbs Road ball park this afternoon at 4 p.m.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes expect to take a win from Eddie Marques and his Standard Oilers in a girls' v. men's picnic game at the Oilers' spacious grounds in far off Lai Chi Kok to-morrow afternoon at 4 p.m.

SWITCHING on the "full steam" sign as the march to the opening day flag-pole hovers into sight, Ossie Oszajac's Tulsa gang are all pepped up to take their fourth and fifth spring training games in their dual fracas with the Royal Engineers and Kultonjee's H.B. Beermen.

Ude Sapa's ocean going ball players have already rounded into mid-season form and have come through with tremendous clouting power in a clean sweep through all opposition, since their initial appearance on the diamond this year.

Led by third sacker Maxie Maxwell and dynamite Al Simmons, power willow-wielding is emphasized to the utmost right down the entire American batting order, and in coming through with three big scoring wins already this year, the powerful sailors have shown a real disregard for local hurling.

Sapper moundman Sarsfield as well as H. B. slasher Dave Leonard will probably be in for a torrid session out there on the hillcock when they stack up against the terrific clouting of the Mighty T. With the return of Terry and Stan Leonard, and George Sousa to the Brewery lineup, Dave Leonard's ball tossers should give the favourites a tough battle. The old bam hurried steady, confident ball last week in his initial appearance on the mound to re-enter the Sappers with five lonely bingles.

The Beer-makers have a snappy infield combination in Terry Leonard, Arturo Osozilo, George Sousa and A. K. Omar, who are continually in there snatching at the breaks, but they lack the dynamic clouting qualities of Tulsa's "murderous row."

Newcomer Obeare Arcull should add more power to the H.B. run-making attack this year and will probably hold down a regular spot at the platter.

THIS afternoon's Cardinal v. Truelight tilt will be a real humdinger, with the schoolgirls, fresh from their victory over the Chung Hwa Maroonettes, trying to make it two straight with a win over Dave Walker's strong Redbirds.

The Cards have already decided on a set policy of continuing practice all summer in preparation for an "all out" pennant bid when the season rolls around next autumn.

Hurlers Eddie Babida and grandma Hutchinson will divide the Redbird mound toiling with the fireball Betty Fitzgerald, who is showing a lightning Cardinal infield at shortstop.

Coch Walker has moulded together a lineup of eager playing beauties who are continually giving their level best. The red-legged Cards finished the past season in a blaze of glory, coming through with overwhelming, high-scoring wins in their three final league games.

Truelight's student nine are expected to pin their faith on a win with air-tight fielding, and with Margery Woo and Rosie Lau sparkling a rookie infield.

Schoolgirl Lai Bik-wong has been forced to the sidelines with an injured finger this past week, but is expected to take her spot on the slab to-day in an effort to halt the dangerous Redbird slugger.

A genuine picnic softball fracas has been set for to-morrow at 4 p.m. when the Maple Leaf Canuckettes clash with the Standard Oilers at the Lai Chi Kok fairways in a "femmas v. hommas" fray. In their last game played at the Marina grounds, the Maple Leaf enties hold Eddie Marques and his dare-devil Oilers to a seven-all tie after a heated seven-inning game.

Swimming will be included on the programme after the ball tilt and the Canuckettes are providing a light lunch to make it a real day's outing.

The Oilers are slated to stack their A. A. Lopes, Eddie Marques battery against the starry Canuckette femmes. C. M. Xavier will be back

Weekly Wind-up

Successful homers by Maxwell and Simmons, powerful Tulsa slugger, last week, just about highlights all spectacular spring training features this year—Slugging is not only confined to big, robust ball players—Many small featured players have had their share of slugging fame—We've seen "Pee Wee" Reese, Brooklyn Dodgers' mighty mite at shortstop, crashing them out for terrific homers at Ebbets Field in Flatbush.

Dame rumor states that the A.R. P. are dicker to put a team in the girls' softball loop next season.

Forrest Loong's six putouts in the outfield last week were real rays of glittering sunlight in the big Chung Hwa defeat—Forrest is a typical silent star player who is out there giving his level best always.

Ty Cobb, the Georgian Peach, has challenged Babe Ruth, the Sultan of Swat, to a series of exhibition golf matches, with the proceeds to go to "bundles for Britain"—Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, eccentric Chicago Cub pitcher, is not as dizzy as his nickname sounds—His annuities are supplying him with a weekly income of U.S. \$75.00.

Incidentally, Ty Cobb was one of the original baseball stars to make hay while the sun shone—He is generally reputed to be a millionaire now.

A league baseball meeting has been called for next Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the offices of the Texaco Co., Asia Life Bldg.

To-day's Lawn Bowls League Schedule

THE following are the lawn bowls league matches for this afternoon:

FIRST DIVISION	
Recrelo "A"	v. Police
C.C.C.	v. Kowloon C.C.
S.C.C.C.	v. Recrelo "B"
Indian R.C.	v. K.B.G.C. "A"
K. Dockers	v. K.B.G.C. "B"

SECOND DIVISION	
Recrelo H.K.C.C.	v. Prison O.C.
Kowloon C.C.	v. K. Tong
Taikeo	v. H.K.F.C.
	v. C.C.C.

Third Division	
C.C.C.	v. Indian R.C.
H.K.C.C.	v. Kowloon F.C.
H.K.F.C.	v. Recrelo
Police R.C.	v. Electric

at the initial sack with Chan Wah-hei and Francis Ng accepting all chances at the keystone, and To King-eh third.

Elvie Yuen, whipper outfielder who has been on the sidelines this past year, will return to the Maple Leaf fold to-morrow, and should add fly-chasing power to a weak outfield. The lassies will open up with their Mary Ng, Dot Louie combination with Rene Yuen, Ulan Khoo, Rosie Louie and Alice Mar forming a formidable inner defence.

The Oil men are gunning real hard to take a win from the Canuckettes in this "femmas" and are pointing for a high-scoring "May Day" win.

Schedule

BASEBALL
(at Caroline Hill)

To-day at 2.30 p.m. Tulsa v. Royal Engineers.

To-morrow at 10 a.m. Tulsa v. H.B. Beer.

To-morrow at 2.30 p.m. South China v. Mindanao.

SOFTBALL

To-day at 4 p.m. Cardinals v. Truelight, at Stubbs Road.

To-morrow at 4 p.m. Canuckettes v. Standard Oilers, at Lai Chi Kok.

Bitter Pill For Pacific Coast Baseballers

Edict:—"No Arguing With The Umpire"

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Pacific Coast baseball players must in the future be showmen and gentlemen.

That's the dictum set down by President W. C. Tuttle of the Coast League as the clubs were poised for the opening of their season.

It is well known that a ball player's stock-in-trade is his privilege of "loving down the law" to a "blind" umpire. Veterans will tell you that is half the fun of the game. Under these new rulings, the lads must meekly murmur a gentle "thanks" to the ump when he jerks his right thumb aloft.

No Fraternizing

To give the game a little more rivalry, Tuttle has decreed that players of opposing teams may not fraternize prior to the game. Nothing was said, however, about tossing the players a little raw meat to get them in the mood for the fracas.

The players were told to give their all to make the games scrappy, but at the same time they have to keep a strong grip on themselves and not "conduct yourself in a manner to be obnoxious to the spectators."

Another thing, when an umpire orders a player off the field, he means it the first time he says it, Tuttle declared. In other words, no arguing with the umpire about any decision whatsoever.

For the majority of these infractions fines of \$10 will be imposed, Tuttle said.

Baseballers Find Golf Helpful To Timing

NEW YORK.—Some day, says Fred Corcoran, the baseball clubs are going to be taking golf pros to the spring training camps as casually as trainers, rookies and vitamin pills now are taken.

This might seem akin to taking a bean shooter on a lion hunting expedition, and under several pounds of pressure Corcoran will admit the wish is father of the thought, as he is tournament manager of the P. G.A. and the welding of baseball and golf would mean a couple of months extra work of 16 pros.

However, he backs up his statement with arguments, and a glimpse of a ball team's baggage indicates this idea of mixing oil and water isn't so far fetched, at the moment. The number of golf bags leaves some doubt as to whether the squad is getting ready for a nine-inning game or a 72-hole medal play tournament.

"Ball players have discovered that the best way to keep in condition is to play golf," Corcoran argues. "Just notice the real veterans still playing ball—Fox, Hubbell, Grove, Paul Waner and the others. They're all golfers."

"You walk about six miles during a round of golf. That's great for the legs. Babe Ruth started playing about 1918, used to sneak out mornings to get in his round before games. In those days ball clubs frowned on golf, although the Cubs considered taking a pro to camp as far back as 1920."

"And you will notice the ball players are pretty fit golfers. Wes Correll, Digger Stark, Dick Burkett, Sam Byrd, and Hank Lober, Paul Derringer, Paul Waner, Merv Shen will flirt with pur. Most of the baseball men hit a long ball off the tee."

Much in Common

"WHAT I'm getting at is that there is a lot in common between hitting a baseball and hitting a golf ball. I know golf is an unnatural game, that the form is contrary to instinct.

"But the elements of timing and wrist action are the same. Sam Byrd, who has become a fine tournament golfer since quitting baseball, says one game helps the other, and as for the conditioning part of it, Ty Cobb, who had a 72 on the other day and whose handicap is down to five, says golf is the greatest leg conditioner there is."

Members of No. 2 Section soccer Team, F.R.E., winners of the inter-Section Competition for 1940-41. Front centre Lt-Col Lamb, R.E., Spr. Fox (capt) and Major Grosse.—Ming Yuen.

COLONY WATERPOLO TEAMS PRACTICE Preparing For League

CONSIDERABLE pre-programme activity is taking place in Service and Y.M.C.A. waterpool circles, and games have taken place during this week, and will take place to-day and to-morrow in the Royal Navy and Army pools, it being obvious that practice in these two pools is essential for many of the teams who have hitherto confined their activities to the Y.M.C.A. pitch.

Week-end Fixtures

THIS MORNING at noon, Navy "A" (one of the Destroyers) will meet R. Corps of Signals in the Navy pool when the strength of the Senior Service should be gauged.

They have several useful men, among whom Paul and Rutter, the Navy soccer custodian, are outstanding. Lt Carter, who captained the victorious Navy Triangular Rugby Tournament XV, is also a member of the side, although he is shortly leaving Colony.

To-morrow morning, R. Scots, who have been greatly strengthened by the inclusion of Capt Bennett, an Army chaplain who is attached to them, meet the Y.M.C.A. in the Army pool.

The Tournament, sponsored by the Y.M.C.A., makes a start on Tuesday night when Middlesex "A" meet Y.M.C.A. in the Army pool, and Navy "C" encounter Signals in the "Y" pool.

The first game is likely to be the best of the earlier fixtures and although Y.M.C.A. in the past, have invariably beaten Middlesex, the bigger pitch is likely to prove a disadvantage to them despite their superiority in practically all phases of the game.

Thursday's Match

On Thursday, evening, Royal Corps of Signals, winners of the Large Units Waterpolo tournament last season, entertained the "Y" in a friendly fixture and although beaten 4-0 fully extended the Civilian.

The Signals have a very powerful team but were inclined to underestimate their opponents and even conceded a goal when the "Y" lost the services of Paul, their left winger, who was ordered out for drifting.

The "Y" team only contained five regular members, Paul and Ure, of Navy and Middlesex respectively, being the outsiders. Paul will play for Navy "A" and has to date been their most consistent goal-scorer, while Ure, one of the finest constructive halves now playing waterpolo, will captain Middlesex "A" in the League. Play in the first half was very fast, but poor passing under difficult conditions—the light was peculiar, and the ball was often out of sight when lofted—saw many fine scoring chances go begging.

Good Attack

THE Signals had a promising attack, while Bedford, centre half, marked very closely and did well in opening up the game in the closing stages of the first half.

Outstanding performer for the home team was Bennett, who gave a "sunny" exhibition in goal and was hardly responsible for at least two of the goals, which were the result of bad marking by the full-backs.

Allen, centre-forward for Signals, secured the ball every time from the swim-up, but the Signals did not take the initiative in attack.

The whole object of securing the ball is for the side to initiate the attack before the opposing team has had time to settle down. The Army pool, being very big, lent itself admirably to this, but it was lost on the Signals, who gave the "Y" an opportunity of swimming up and taking their respective men before they could offer any threat.

Fast Game

PLAY in the second half, when the "Y" attacked in the shallow end, did not lose any of its tempo and "Y" playing constructive waterpolo swept all before them, scoring three goals.

The "Y" forwards broke away quickly when their defence was in possession, and as a result paved the way for the openings, although Paul wasted one or two opportunities by cravering shots from the wing instead of lobbing into the centre.

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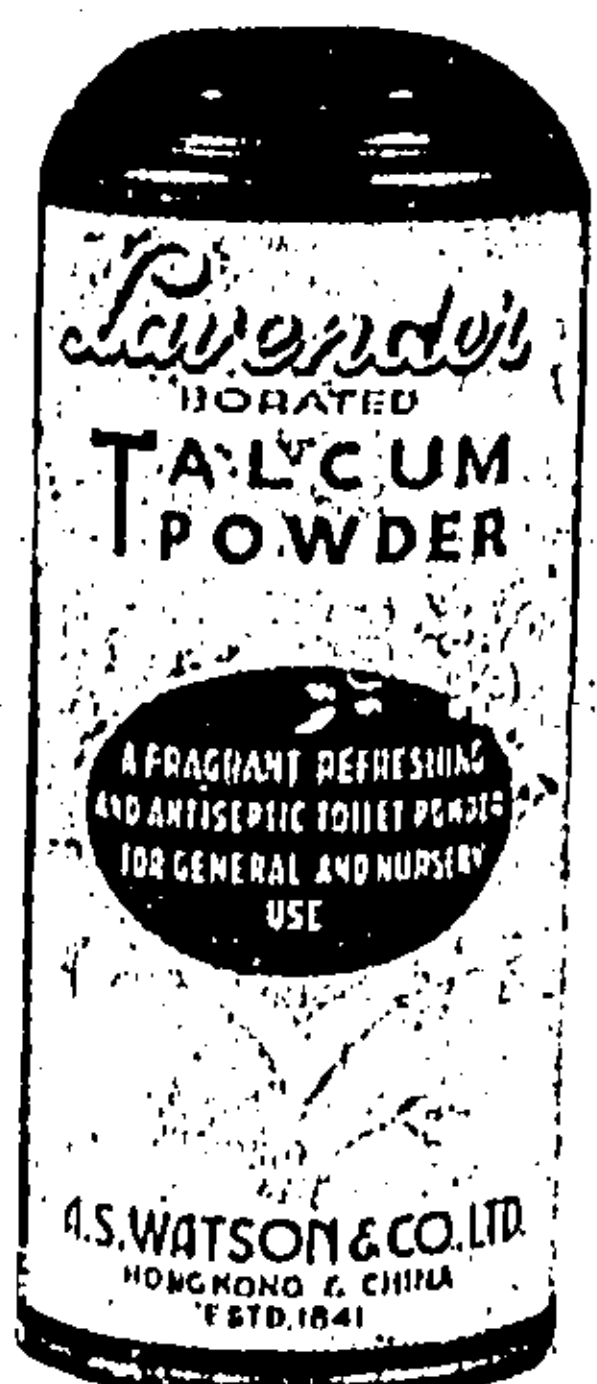
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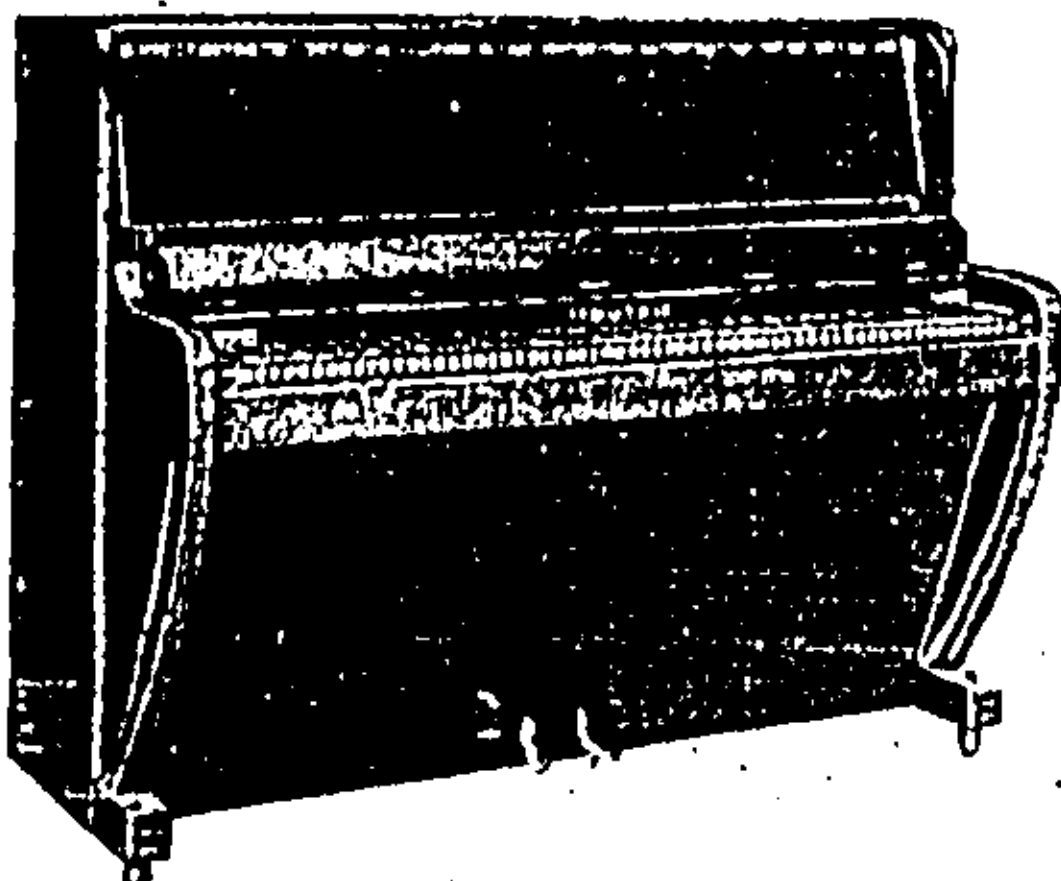
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Taking the Chair at the annual general meeting yesterday of the China Emporium, Ltd., in the absence of the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, who was ill, the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong reported a profit of \$249,434.57 for the year under review, and stated in the course of his summary that despite war conditions, there had been an increase in turnover as compared with the previous year.

The Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong said: "At this, the ninth annual meeting of our Company, it is a great pleasure for me to be able to report to you another year of success."

During the year under review, there was an increase of turnover as compared with that of the previous year; in spite of the fact that the European War was at its height, the shipment of goods was made extremely difficult and Hongkong itself was affected in more than one way. The evacuation of European women and children reduced our patronage to a considerable extent. At the same time, the fall of our Chinese National currency has weakened the purchasing power of a certain section of the buying public. It is, no doubt, a matter of the utmost satisfaction to you and your Directors that, under such unfavourable conditions, we are still in a position to report a fairly prosperous year.

Immediate Concern
Our immediate concern, however, is that, with the whole world under threat of war, how long will it be possible for the Hongkong market to maintain an uninterrupted supply of foreign commodities to meet the varied choice of our customers? We sincerely hope that we will overcome any commercial disadvantages which may be ahead of us by the good will of our customers and potential customers, together with the untiring efforts of our staff to serve and to satisfy them.

In view of the hard times in Hongkong during last autumn, the Board of Directors advanced a month's salary to the staff to enable them to provide food against emergencies. Since the cost of living has continued to go up, the Board has further decided to waive one half of this advance which amounts to about \$4,000. We trust that this action meets with your sympathetic approval.

The Directors' proposal to pay a dividend of 80 cents per share and the bonus to Founders, Directors, Managers and staff is in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company. The redemption of the Company's Debentures for the current year amounted to \$100,000 for "A" series; plus a drawing to the value of \$40,000 for "B" series, making a total of \$140,000. Thus the Company's liability is much lightened and its financial position is ever more secure.

Profits Distributed
I propose that we will pass the Directors' report, the profits of the past year being distributed as follows:

To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per share. \$100,000.20

LETTERS

British War Organisation
Fund Flag Day

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—A letter has been received from Mr. Marshall Sir Philip Chetwood, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Red Cross and St John War Organisation, asking our co-operation in promoting an Empire-wide Flag Day. At a meeting convened by H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester at St James' Palace, the date of this Flag Day was fixed for Thursday, June 5, 1941.

We in Hongkong have so far refrained from a Flag Day in deference to the many local calls, but the Committee at home feels that a Flag Day, held on the same date in every part of the Empire, would be an inspiring proof of our unity of purpose. Very heavy calls are now being made on the Red Cross resources for the help of victims of air-raids, for service in sending food and clothing to Prisoners of War in German internment camps, for help in the campaigns in North Africa, and the Middle East, furthermore the Ministry of Health has asked the War Organisation to organise and staff 400 auxiliary and convalescent hospitals in Britain, with accommodation for 20,000 patients.

In the course of his address, broadcast in January of this year, Sir Philip Chetwood stated that the one object of Red Cross work is to supply help immediately to the sick and wounded, the prisoners and the miserable, whether Service or civilian, and that for all places at home and abroad hit by this war on civilians, the Organisation was able to find at the shortest notice extra nurses, material for blood-transfusion, necessary services of all sorts, drugs, hospital garments and comforts, money, transport and ambulances.

We are confident that the public will give generously to make outstanding our Colony's contribution to the Empire's Flag Day, June 5.

K. H. EDMONDSTON,
Chairman, Entertainment Committee, B.W.O.F.

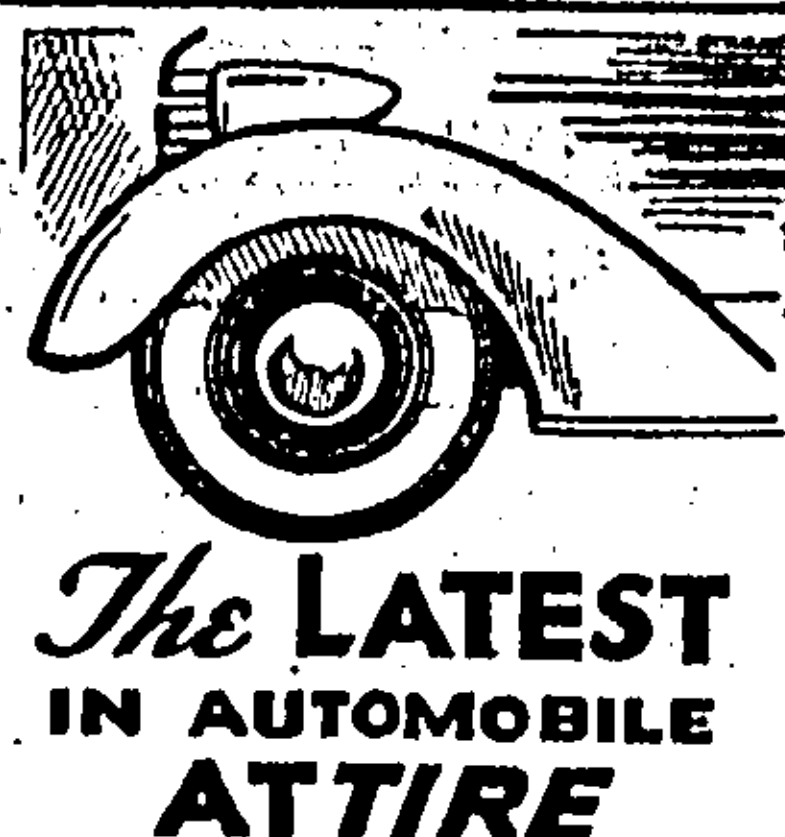
American Seaman Dies After Fall from Ship

Herman Lalgar, seaman of an American freighter, died at Kowloon Hospital at 1.35 p.m. yesterday. He was admitted to the Hospital just after midnight following a fall from a height of 35 feet from a ship on to the railway lines at Kowloon Wharf.

The late Mr Lalgar was rushed to Hospital after the accident but was not unconscious. Yesterday morning his condition worsened and he died.

To write off Land and Building 80,000
To write off Furniture and Fixtures 20,076.04
To pay a bonus to Founders, Directors, Managers and Staff 23,000.42
To carry forward to the credit of a new account 91,605.93
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This was recorded by Mr B. Wong Tape and carried unanimously.



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Messrs. J. A. Fraser and J. Riddell, on behalf of Mrs. J. D. Bicker, staff and family, wish to thank all friends for their kind sympathy, also for floral tributes and attendance at the funeral.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

Saturday, May 17, 1941.

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A RAKE'S PROGRESS

NO war has been long waged before even the most credulous person learns to be wary of all war news when it comes from the enemy. This may be said of the present war more than of any other. Means of swift transmission all over the world are such as never were before, but the chief reason is that the Nazis are the most unscrupulous liars that ever went to war. Nobody outside of Germany or German influence believes a word they utter.

Apt pupils are the Italians, or rather the men who have the work of drawing up the daily bulletins for the misleading of their unfortunate fellow-countrymen. But truth leaks out some time and rumour may justify herself.

Examples are plentiful. Taranto was one; another, the alleged circumstances of the failure and disgrace of Marshal Graziani. The different parts of the story fitted in and made a convincing whole. But the planner of the catastrophic Libyan campaign was Mussolini. Graziani foresaw complete ruin, but the Duce, convinced he was infallible in war as in everything else, imperiously compelled him to go ahead. More recently there has been the Italian version of an attack on British warships in the Mediterranean, which was typical of Mussolini in his vainglorious and lying best.

But these inspired accounts are in entire agreement with what is known of the character of Mussolini. "I shall make my own life my masterpiece," was one of his favourite maxims. Mussolini, even in youth, says one of his biographers, longed for power over other men—power for its own sake, not as a means to an end, but as the conquerors of history have always loved it. And another of the Duce's boasts: "Equal, not Never! With him who represents the Government of the State no one may claim an equality." That is the type of man who, whatever be his first triumphs, usually ends by plunging his country in ruin.

C R E T E

TO-DAY, British forces are in Crete; archaeologists there, and on the Greek mainland, are burying the treasures of the ancient civilisations to protect them from the bombs of a new barbarism. More than 3,000 years ago, before the traditional date of Moses and whilst the Jews were still in captivity, a high form of civilisation existed in the island of Crete.

It vanished, leaving scarcely any trace except in the later Greek legends of the Labyrinth where the terrible man-bull Minotaur lurked, claiming annual tribute of youths and maidens until he was slain by Theseus.

The discovery of this civilisation was largely achieved by Sir Arthur Evans and other English archaeologists. Their excavations revealed the buried glories of this Minoan culture, the great palace-state of Knossos ruled by Priest-Kings, its frescoes, delicate faience-work and statuary. Greatest triumph of all was their discovery of the Labyrinth where the skull bones of great horned bulls shed a new light on the Minotaur myth.

These Minoans lived under conditions of extraordinary man and animal sacrifice—rites of brilliance, freedom and piece-which darkened the minds of later civilisations but gave the was more modern in some ways world some of its grandest than the civilisations of Greece poetry.



Unbaked tablets engraved with undecipherable hieroglyphs are all that remain of their language and literature. How they fell and why no one knows. Sudden records of turn in Bond Street to-day. Their art would be accepted as advanced by ultra-modern art groups.

It was probably the exploits of their Amazonian women—intellectuals, warriors and huntresses—that gave birth to many of the later Greek legends of the goddesses. They had solved many of the problems of architecture, town planning, hydraulics and sanitation.

But with all their instinct for beauty they had not risen above the cruel religious rites of human sacrifice—rites which darkened the minds of later civilisations but gave the was more modern in some ways world some of its grandest than the civilisations of Greece poetry.



There, Paul cured the son of Publius, the chief man of the island, "of a bloody flux." "So, when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed."

—RADIO—

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"Happidrome" and Other London Relays

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 1-2.15 p.m. and 8-12 midnight on 9.52 m.c. per second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Saint-Saens, Concerto in G Minor—Op. 22.

12.50 A Saint-Saens Song.

Samson and Delilah—Act 2: "Amor! I Miei Sini Proteggi".

Ebe Signant (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Light Orchestral Selections with Richard Crooks (Tenor).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Popular War-Time Variety.

Vocal—Old Soldiers Never Die! Sing—Fox-Trot—Oh! Johnny, Oh! Johnny—Oh! Piano—Accordeon Band—All Pals Together (Sloan); Vocal—Kiss me Goodnight, Sergeant Major (Noel and Polak); Fox-Trots—The Old Tin Helmet; Wings over the Navy (film "Wings over the Navy"); Fox-Trot—Lords of the Air; Vocal—There'll Always Be an England (Parker and Charles).

2.15 Close Down.

2.45 Local Programme.

3.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

3.22 Auber—Crown—Diamonds Overture.

3.42 D'Indy—Suite for Flute, Violin, Cello and Harp—Op. 91.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Selections from the Shows.

Lights Up—Selection (Gay) ... Gerald and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; New Moon—Local Gems (Hammerstein 2nd and Romberg); Light Opera Company; The Rawlitz and Landauer (radio duet); Blister Sweet—'I'll See You Again' (Noel Coward); Hildegard (vocal) with Orchestra.

8.30 The London Piano-Accordeon Band and Killy Masters (Vocal).

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 The Royal Artillery Band.

9.30 Local Sports Results.

9.33 Light French Songs.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Concert Waltzes and Tangos.

10.00 London Relay—"Happidrome".

11.00 New Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Take it from the Top; Jubilee Swing; Swing Fox-Trots—How Am I to Know? Ida, Sweet as Apple Cider; Slow Fox-Trot—Trade Winds; Fox-Trot—Blueberry Hill; Fox-Trots—Castle of Dreams (from "Irene"); You've Got me Out on a Limb (from "Irene"); Rumba—Six Lessons from Madame La Zonga; Fox-Trot—All Over the Place; Slow Fox-Trot—Chez moi; Quick-Step—Angry; Fox-Trots—Eep-Ipe! Slow Freight; Quick-Step—In Nobody's Baby (from "Andy Hardy meets Debutante"); Fox-Trot—If I Only Had Wings; Waltz—Lovely Old Lady; Fox-Trots—Remember September; Devil May Care.

12.00 midnight. Close Down.

TO-MORROW'S BROADCAST

Haydn "London" Symphony No. 104 in D Major

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on a Frequency of 845 k.c. and on Short Wave from 11 a.m. 1-2.30 p.m. and 8-10.35 p.m. on 9.52 m.c. per second.

11.00 a.m. Relay of Morning Service from St John's Cathedral.

12.15 p.m. Haydn—Symphony No. 104 in D Major ("London").

12.40 Piano and Violin Solo by Vladimir Horowitz and Fritz Kreisler. A May Breeze (Mendelssohn).

Mazurka in E Minor, Op. 41, No. 2 (Chopin); Rondino on a Theme by Beethoven (Kreisler); Gavotte (Kreisler); Etude XI pour les urpegees composes (Debussy); Pastourel; Toccata (Poulenc).

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Student Songs.

John Peel (Traditional); Ten Green Bottles (Traditional); There is a Tavern in the Town (Traditional); Drinks All Round.

1.15 Ronald Dixon at the Organ. With Sword and Lance March (Starke); Blaze Away—March (Holzman); Dixton (No. 4).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 A Brahms Programme.

Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 21, No. 1... Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 1; Hungarian Dance No. 3... Philharmonie Orchestra; The May Night... Maria Olszewska (Contralto) with piano accompaniment; Sonate No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 108; Joseph Szlegel (Violin) and Egon Petri (Piano).

2.30 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 The Boston Promenade Orchestra with Charles Kullman (Tenor).

Espana Waltz (Waldteufel); The World is Mine to Night (Marvell and Postford); By the Dark Lagoon (Badeley and Leigh); Toy Trumpet (Scott); Pavanne (Gould); Serenade (Ravlin); Emperor Waltz, Op. 437 (Johann Strauss).

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Dvorak—Symphony No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 70.

8.40 A Dvorak Song.

Songs My Mother Taught Me... Dino Borgelli (Tenor) with instructed accompaniment.

8.45 Studio—Book Reviews.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Leoncavallo's "I Pagliacci"—Scene 2.

Characters and Soloists in order of Appearance... Nedda Canio's wife—Columbine... Iva Pacetti (Soprano); Tonio, a clown... Mario Basilio (Baritone); Silvio, a villager in love (Baritone); Nedda... Paul (Baritone); Beppe, Harlequin... Nossi (Tenor); Canio, Leader of village comedy troupe... Gigli (Tenor) with Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

9.45-10.15 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Compositions of Bach. Two Minuets from "Sonata No. 6 in E Major for Solo Violin"... Henry Merckel (Violin); Flat Major; "Sir Henry J. Wood and His Symphony Orchestra; Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring... Choir of the Temple Church, London; Prelude in E Minor; Fugue in E Minor... Edouard Commetté (Organ).

10.15 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.

10.35 Close Down.

Conducted by a Priest of the Roman Catholic Church.

Guests Of Governor

His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, is giving a small dinner party next Tuesday in honour of Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, outgoing United States Ambassador to China, and Mr. Clarence E. Clausen, new American Ambassador to China.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Acting President of the European Y.M.C.A., has consented to take the Chair at the annual meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, which will be held in the West Lounge at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28.

"TELEGRAPH" SATURDAY FEATURE

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

By John Blunt

The dramatic story of the flight of Rudolf Hess from Germany to the British Isles must rank as the most sensational event of the war!

It not only stunned an incredulous world, but caught Hitler and his remaining henchmen completely off their guard. Even the ingenious verbiage of Goebbels, ever so ready in the past, failed that master of retort on this occasion.

The hasty, almost panicky explanation that Hess had been a sick man; that he was, in fact, insane; that he had been forbidden to fly, merely served to emphasise the tremendous dilemma in which Hitler found himself.

Hess! The man above all men he had trusted, had deserted—double-crossed him—and found refuge in the one free country in Europe, far beyond the reach of the Gestapo. A decidedly unpleasant thought. The safety of Hess? The insecurity of Hitler!

It has often been asserted that under the Nazi yoke, people are even denied the right of thinking for themselves. It is pretty certain that there has been a tremendous lot of thinking in Germany this week.

The German people know too well that many men of high standing in Nazidom have been the victims of the periodical death purges. They are also grimly aware of the ramifications of the Gestapo. They will remain astounded for many a long day that their deputy Fuehrer proved to be sufficiently astute to break the bonds that bound him, and to escape to the British Isles. That he should prefer his enemy's country to his own!

The defection of Hess is of such tremendous importance that there exists an almost universal impulse to

disbelieve that he will be prepared to discuss the realities of the situation with our people at Home. This feeling is probably borne of the knowledge that Germany's leaders are so drilled in obedience to Hitler, that none dare whisper a word against him.

I do not subscribe to that view. In the first place, in daring to make the break, Hess must have been profoundly aware of the heinousness of his offence. The suggestion that Hitler sent him is, in my opinion, all poppycock. The method was too risky. It is indeed nothing short of a miracle that Hess managed to reach his objective in a German plane without encountering British aircraft which would have shot him to earth, not realising the importance of the occupant. His action was that of a man, desperate in his desire to escape from something, planning with meticulous care the method by which he would gain his freedom. He had no option but to take the one chance in a thousand, and, as luck had it, he succeeded.

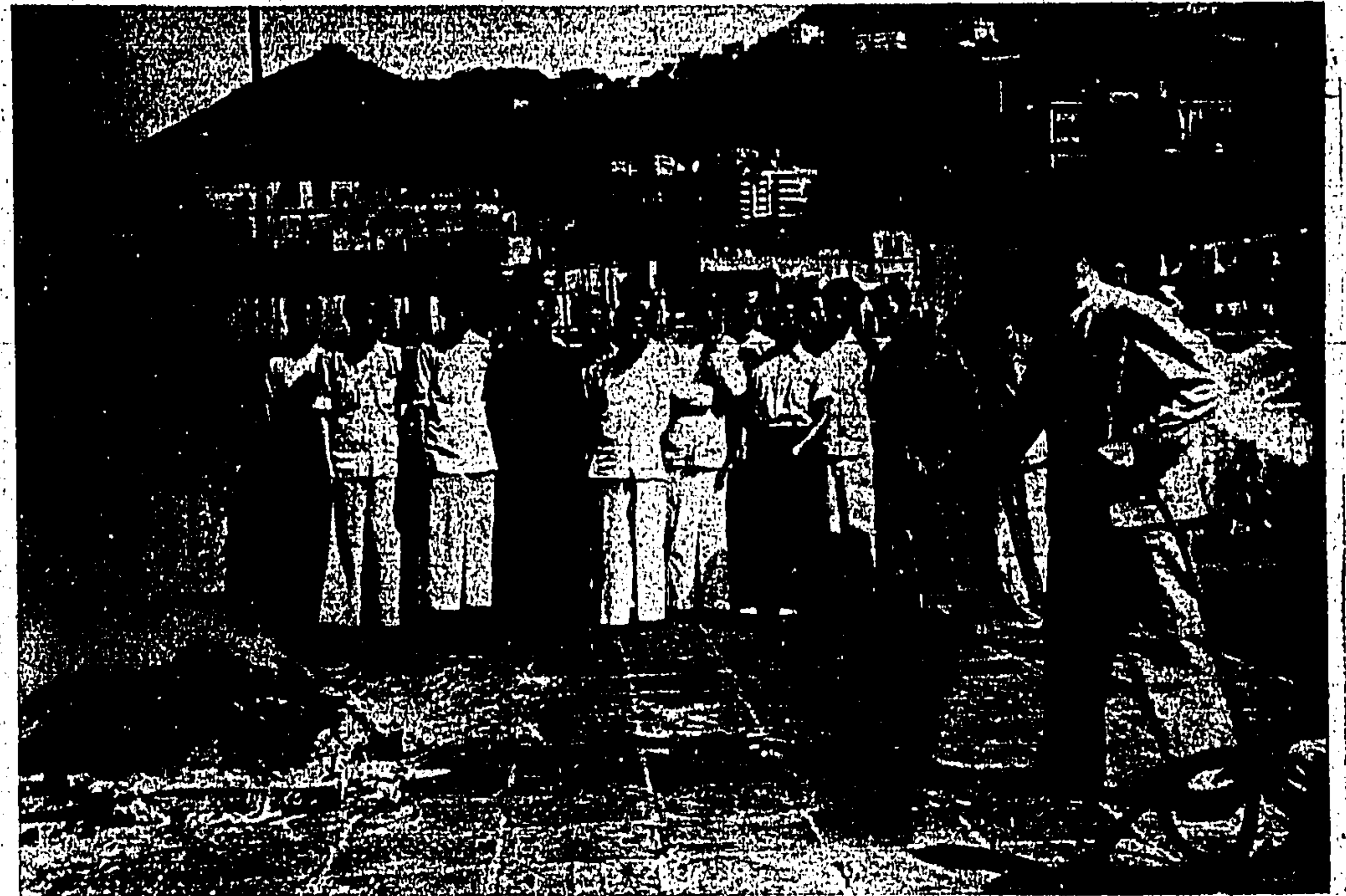
I am inclined to accept the view that he had become nauseated with the Nazi doctrine; that he knows as well as Hitler does himself that Germany is doomed—that the British have commenced to give harder and harder blows in Germany—that with the backing of the United States, there is no doubt as to the ultimate issue of this Hitler-conceived holocaust.

Hess may have demonstrated madness in disagreeing with some of Hitler's future projects, but having registered disapproval, and having failed to sway his tyrant master, it is only natural that he should realise that his life was in danger.

Hitler must also be given credit for being able to discern the British viewpoint, especially at this juncture. He would not be such a fool as to try to smuggle an emissary into England in the hope of being able to persuade Britain to listen to his blandishments. He knows better than that.

Hess may have served his country well by his action. He may have presented a turning point against the madness of Nazism. Traitor he may be, but by forsaking his inhuman master, he may yet be able to limit the mad destruction, the mass murder, which he himself helped to kindle.

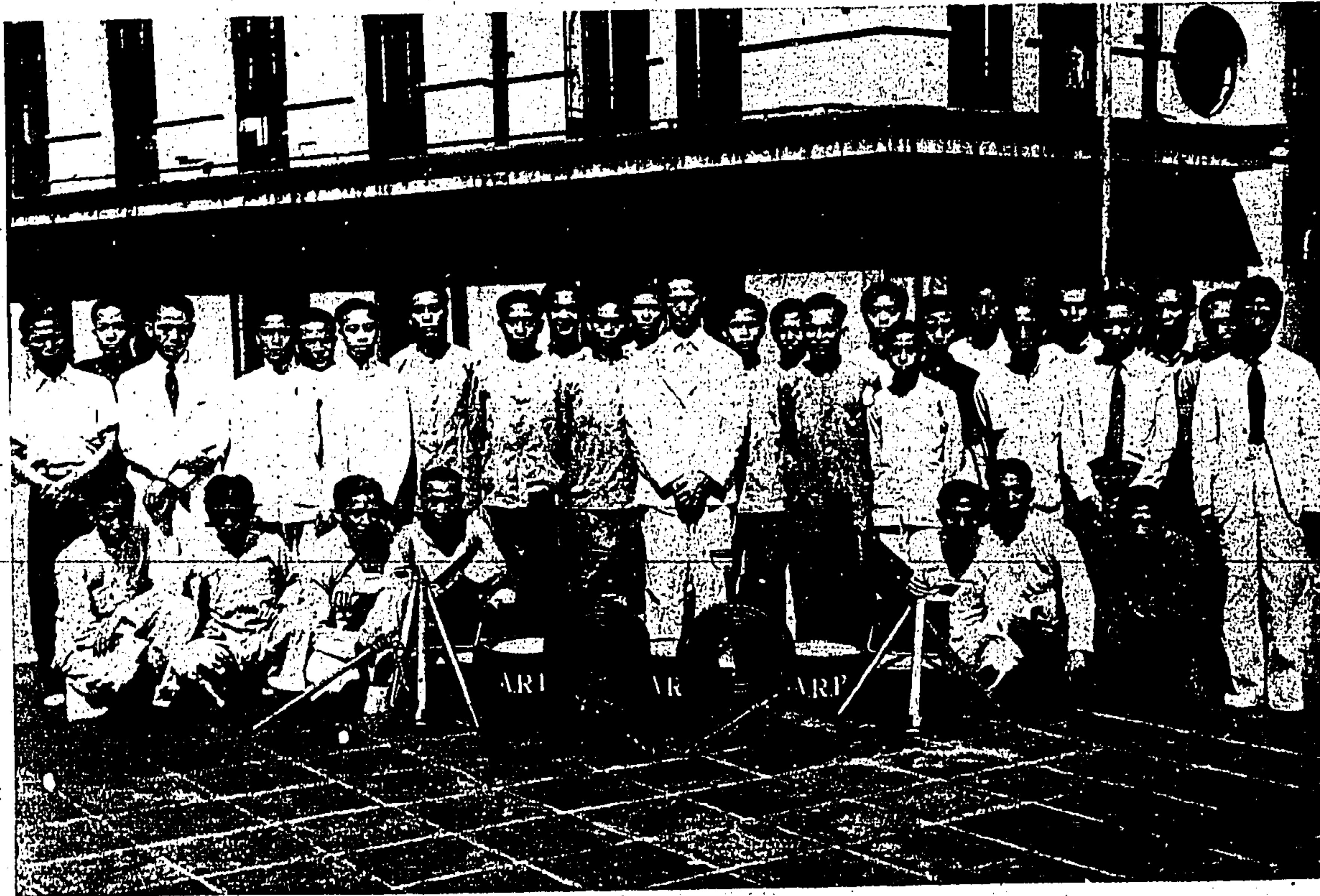
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1941.



MORNING POST BUILDING A. R. P. SQUAD

Photographs on this page were taken at a recent demonstration by the South China Morning Post Air Raid Precautions Squad on the roof of the Morning Post Building.

Fourteen members of the staff have passed the Hongkong A. R. P. examination, Mr Lam Yung-fai (centre lower picture), who is in charge of the Squad, having qualified as L.A.R.P.S., and thirteen others having passed the House Wardens examination.



The lower picture includes those who have qualified together with others who are at present undergoing the course, it being intended to bring the number of the personnel up to thirty.

The pictures at the top of the page show burning shavings and paper, previously saturated in oil, being quickly extinguished by using foam and chemical extinguishers and stirrup pumps.

Other members of the staff are qualified to administer first aid.

By the beginning of February tons of bombs dropped on London. 825 tons on Birmingham, 657 tons on Southampton, 552 tons on Coventry and 178 tons on Bristol. Total quantity dropped on Great Britain during this month, 6,747 tons.

The raids have gone on day and night. Even though there have been short interruptions—especially recently—one can land 4,538 people were killed by bombs in November, so that capital has been subjected to a constant bombardment for six months.

Now, what are apparent and intrinsic results of this six-months random bombing of a city? The results might be drawn up in the form of a balance sheet from the most important figures.

From August 1941 until the end of January 1941, London had more than 450 air raids, lasting for about 1,250 hours. According to the official German war communiques, some 100,000 tons of bombs were dropped on each night of November. Taking the minimum of 100 tons per night and limiting the number of raids to 150 nights, we have about 15,000 tons of bombs (as a minimum) dropped on London.

An official Berlin report gives the following details of the quantity of bombs dropped on Great Britain during November: 8,187 tons.

BOMBS ON LONDON

more than 2,000, and the injured to not more than 3,000.

This would bring the total casualties—not deaths only, but killed and injured—for the whole of England to less than 60,000, or approximately 1½ per thousand of the population. If casualties in London are reckoned at a much higher rate, they will still be hardly more than 3-4 per thousand.

No statement has yet been made on the number of houses in London destroyed or damaged by bombs, but Churchill's description still stand to-day: If you go to the top of Primrose Hill or any of the other edifices of London and look round, no one standing there would know that any harm had been done to our city. Even after the buildings burnt in the Great City fire have been added, the total

number of buildings destroyed within three weeks. Forty-eight hours after the most violent of these attacks, production at the factory was only half normal.

The most interesting figures, however, must be those for loss of production. Here estimates of about one per cent have been given. Mr Morrison, the Home Secretary, once stated that the material necessary for replacing damaged machines and factories amounted to only a quarter of one per cent.

The London Chamber of Commerce has about 9,000 members

workers did stream into their air raid shelters and most of them did not return to work until the all-clear had been sounded. But they very soon got used to them. They realised that the raids by no means entailed that enormous danger which had been feared.

Above all, it became clear to them that with each alarm, only 90 per cent of these human sacrifices was due to night attacks. The number of dead and injured during the day being small to vanishing point.

completely normal pressure, during the raids too, especially as the day-light raids have been reduced to minimum proportions.

The clearest proof that this system has not unnecessarily imperilled human life is shown by the month-to-month decline in air-raid casualty figures in England.

In September there were 6,954 killed and 10,615 injured.

In October there were 6,334 killed and 8,695 injured.

In November there were 4,588 killed and 6,202 injured.

In December there were 3,793 killed and 6,044 injured.

During January the air raids considerably slackened in intensity so that the number of casualties has been naturally much smaller still. But no complete picture can be drawn from these loss figures without mention of the fact that more than 90 per cent of these human sacrifices was due to night attacks.

The number of dead and injured during the day being small to vanishing point.

This work in the factories to-day is proceeding at almost

From September 1939 until January 1941—that is, during the first 17 months of the War—approximately 25,000 people in Great Britain have been killed by bombs, but in that same period some 14,000 were killed in road accidents. Unhappily, the percentage of women and children who have lost their lives in raids is alarmingly high—about 10,000 women and more than 3,000 children.

The figures showing the direct cost to the Germans of their raids over Britain are interesting.

From the outbreak of war until the end of January 1941, about 3,100 German planes in all have been shot down. Thus some 8,000 German airmen have been put out of action, being either killed or taken prisoner.

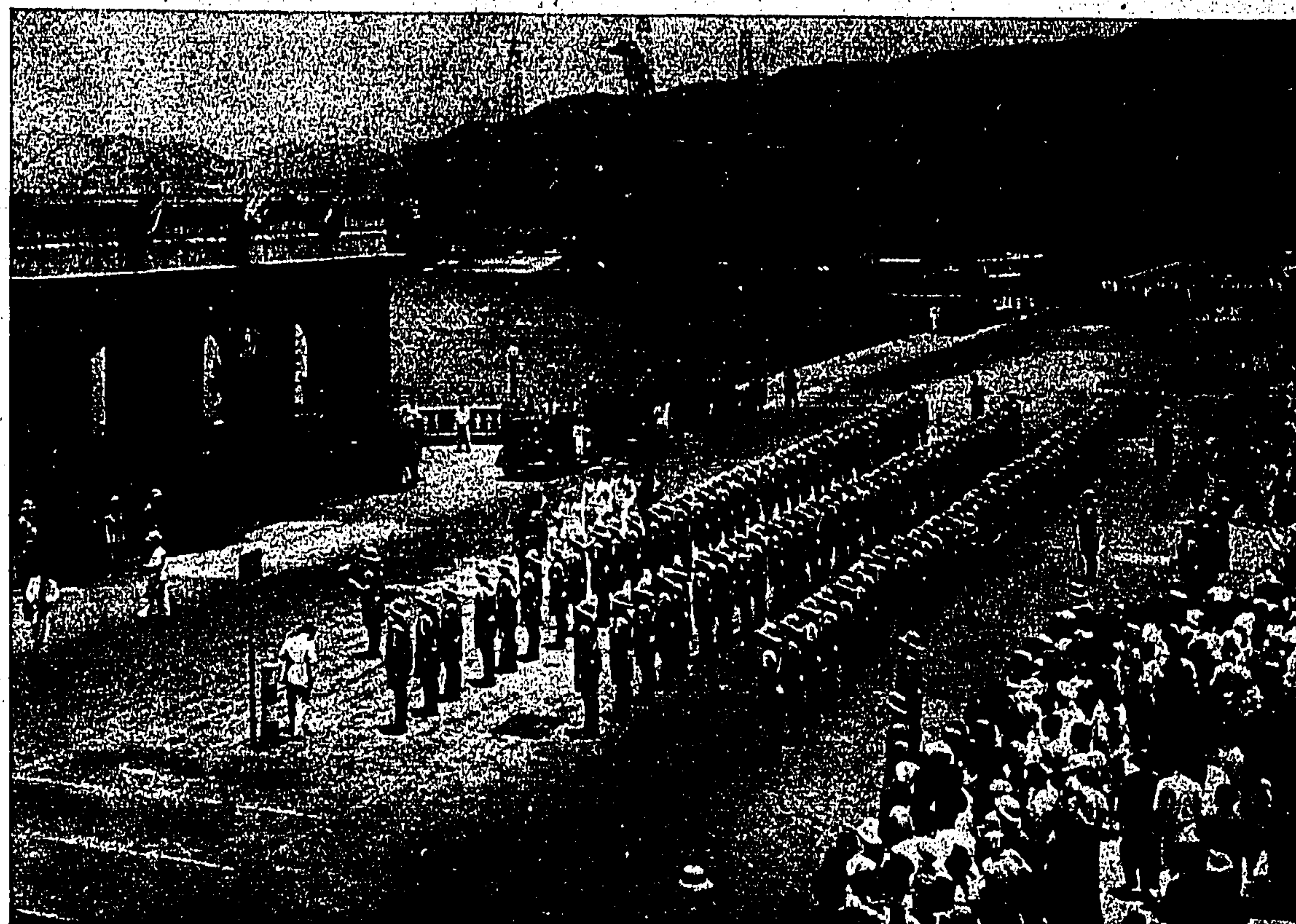
The official British communiques, however, only take into account those planes and airmen killed or taken prisoner, that are either shot down over Britain or seen to fall into the sea. It has happened repeatedly, that the official German reports to-day is proceeding at almost

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By OSWALD DUTCH

HALF-YEARLY BALANCE SHEET

FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT OF GOVERNOR OF MACAO



HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF MACAO, Commander Gabriel Mauricio Teixeira, paid his first official visit to Hongkong last week. On the right is a general view of the landing scene at the Praya. The distinguished visitor was welcomed by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and (above) inspected the Guard of Honour drawn from the 1st Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment. (Photos: Ming Yuen and Moo Cheung).



COMMANDER TEIXEIRA greeted (above) by Sir Robert Ho Tung, who gave a garden party at his Peak residence in honour of the visiting Governor. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



AT GARDEN PARTY — Photo taken at the garden party shows (above, left to right) Sir Robert Ho Tung, H.E. the Governor of Hongkong, H.E. the Governor of Macao, Senhora Teixeira and the Hon. Sir Robert Kotowall. At right, Commander Teixeira taking the salute on landing. (Photos: Ming Yuen).



ENTERTAINED AT THE RACES—Commander and Senhora Teixeira (right) photographed with the Chief Justice, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Lady MacGregor, at the Hongkong Jockey Club before last Saturday's race meeting. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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CANTON UNIVERSITY ENGLISH CLUB gave a tea reception last week at the Hongkong Hotel to Mr Henry Luco, publisher-editor of "Time", "Life" and "Fortune" magazines, and his wife, Claire Booth, the playwright. Mr and Mrs Luco are here with officials of the Club, whose English Secretary, Mr Sunny Tai, is seated between the guests of honour. (Photo: Wah Kiu).



LEAVING HONGKONG—Mr J. W. Woollard, Fire Brigade officer, who is shortly leaving the Colony, was the guest of honour at a reception at the Gloucester Hotel recently, given by members of the Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Service. Photo shows those who attended; Mr Woollard is seated in centre. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



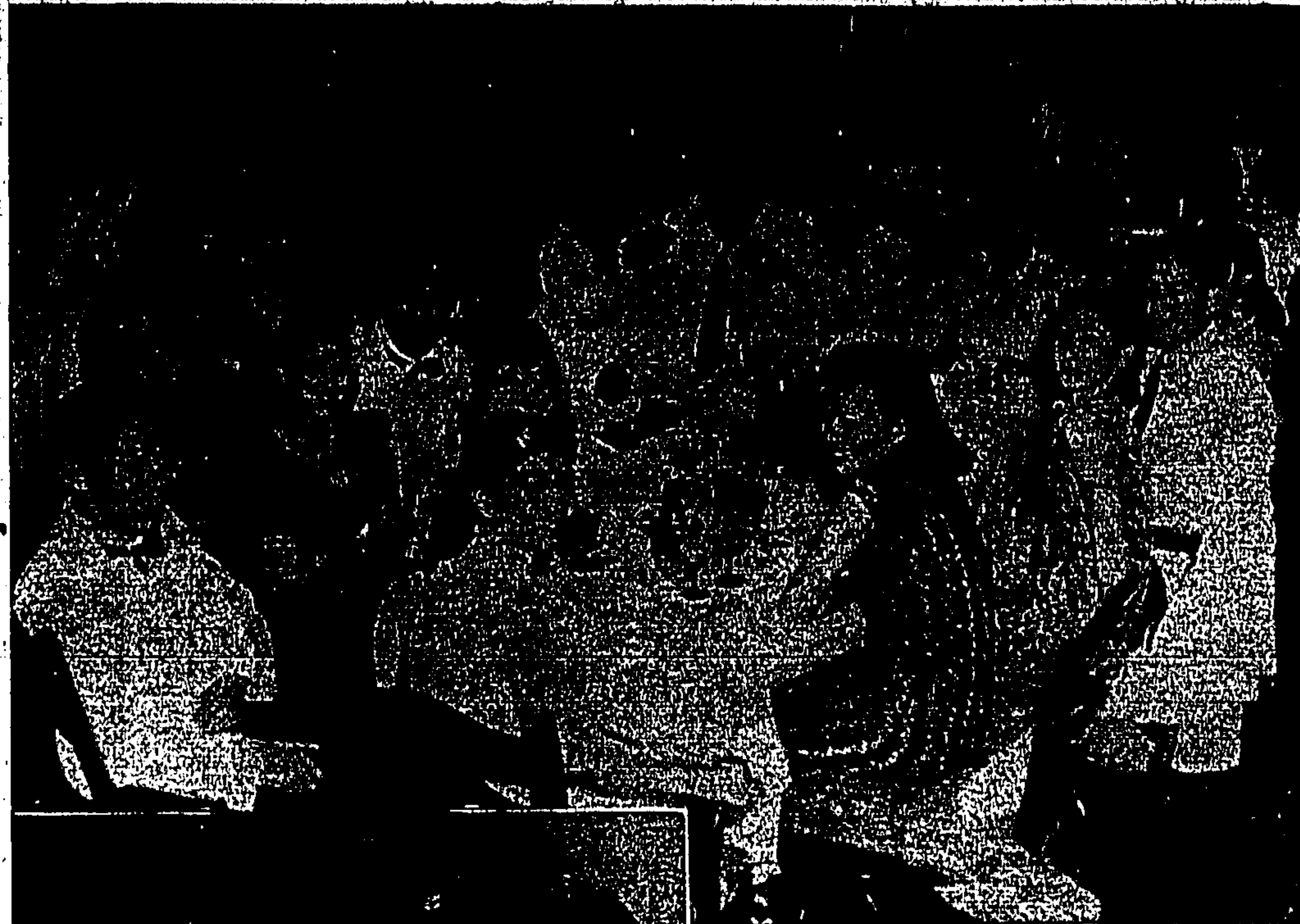
ROLLER SKATING QUEEN—Miss May Shun Chun, who won top honours at the roller skating contest held under the auspices of the Chinese National Women's Relief Association last weekend. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



GUIDES of the 6th Kowloon Company, who won the silver cup, at the annual Girl Guides Rally held at the Diocesan Girls' School last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



REGISTRY WEDDING—Group taken after the marriage at the Registry, Supreme Court, recently of Mr Lo Shiu-kin and Miss To Yee-kin. (Photo: Sun Ying Ming).



AT THE SOFTBALL LEAGUE dance last Saturday at the Peninsula Hotel. Left:—Mrs Lee Gwok-ying presenting prizes. Above:—a happy party, including Mr A. R. Markar, Miss Cruz, Mr A. H. Baker, Mr and Mrs A. J. Hussain, Mr R. J. Fonton, Mr A. M. Omar, Mr A. R. Razack, Mr E. R. Markar, Miss Lily Charrington, Miss Ida Ma and Miss Chan. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



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SHELLING OF GENOA

Eye-Witness Account

ON BOARD beginning to lighten the sky and H.M.S. MALAYA, ahead I saw the big blurred outline of the flagship and the smaller dim shape of the Sheffield. Between us and the shore destroyers raced through the water guarding the bombarding ships from submarines or possible attacks from 60-knot E-boats.

We are steaming back to port after striking a smashing new blow at Italy. Behind us is Genoa, Italy's greatest port and a powerful naval base, where at dawn yesterday (Feb. 9) the Royal Navy carried out a bombardment that wrought havoc and destruction to military objectives in and around the harbour. Over 300 tons of high-explosive shells smashed into dry docks, shipping factories, warehouses, power stations, and works as, for the first time since hostilities began, the shores of Italy proper were shelled from the sea.

This daring, well-conceived, and well-executed sloop must have brought home with unpleasant emphasis to Mussolini the extreme vulnerability of Italy's long coastline.

The attack, which was carried out by a small but powerful striking force, consisting of the battle cruiser Renown, flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir James Somerville, the battleship Malaya, the cruiser Sheffield, and the aircraft-carrier Ark Royal, took the Italians completely by surprise. As we steamed up the Gulf of Genoa we saw neither patrolling ships nor aircraft, and the much-vaunted E-boats, if any were in the neighbourhood, remained in harbour.

When we left the harbour and turned east into the Mediterranean only a handful of people on board the ships knew the Admiral's intentions, though we guessed that something unusual was afoot. Later the thrilling words, "There is a possibility that the ship may be in action shot from the Renown's side as to-morrow morning" appeared the first salvo of 15-inch shells in the daily orders. It looked like business too when pictures, the Sheffield as her twelve six-inch guns began to pour shells into the important Ansaldo electrical and boiler works.

The huge 34,000-ton bulk of our ship shuddered from stern to stern as two guns of one of the forward turrets opened up. Again came the nerve-racking until the stand-to at 6 a.m. the explosions as one of the rear next morning was the secret re-turrets belched out two more veined. Between the shadowy figures of the sailors at action towards the shore to see the stations muffled in their heavy bursts, and though the distance hooded coats—the morning air was great we twice thought we was keen—I make my way to the upper conning tower. There a young fresh-faced midshipman told me without the faintest flicker of excitement in his voice, "We are going to bombard Genoa."

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The Italian reply consisted of the most of 20 shells, mostly of small calibre, not one of which fell nearer than 500 yards. Our returning aircraft joyfully signalled the success of the bombardment as they swooped past, the observers leaning out and waving their hands above their heads.

At full speed we turned away, with A.A. guns manned to meet the menace of Italian bombers. The Ark Royal's fighters were already swooping around us. Soon a shadowing plane paid the penalty. The fighters successfully broke up bomber formations during the day, but in the afternoon two planes got through. A terrific barrage greeted them. Only three bombs were dropped. They exploded in the sea half a mile away on our port side and the same distance behind the Ark Royal, which was apparently the target. Another shadower was shot down later. Our only casualty in the whole operation was one Swordfish bomber, which failed to return after the dawn attack.

With satisfaction that night we learned from the aircraft that our shelling had scored hits on merchant ships, oil tanks, marshalling yards, the main power station, dry docks, including the big 1,000-foot dock capable of taking the largest ship of the Italian fleet, and the Ansaldo electrical and boiler works. Huge fires were also raging all over the target area.

The Ark Royal's bombers had hit the refinery at Leghorn with high-topped tar-paulin protecting the bridge from bad weather was ripped like paper. The Malaya's share in the bombardment had been nearly half the total weight of metal fired.

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TELEGRAPH QUIZ

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A Saluki is (a) a game of cards (b) a Hungarian dish (c) breed of dog (d) Arabic greeting.

The Mona Lisa, famous painting, is the work of (a) Van Dyck (b) Reynolds (c) Raphael (d) Botticelli (e) Leonardo da Vinci (f) Titian.

Which is the lightest of these boxing weights—fly, feather, welter, light, bantam?

If you were deaf and wanted treatment, you would go to an—otologist, polygamist, geneticist, orologist, athlete.

A group of rabbits is a—hutch, nest, herd, crowd, bevy, flock.

How many pints are there in a litre—3½, 2, 4¼, 1¾?

You would ride on the back of an elephant in a (a) punkah (b) hookah (c) kulah (d) howdah (e) newdah.

When was the Short Parliament held, and for how long?

The Rosetta stone is (a) the chair in which kings are crowned (b) semi-precious stone (c) key for reading Egyptian hieroglyphics (d) famous Irish stone.

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BOOK OF THE WEEK

MR ERIC LINKLATER is a novelist who always writes with marrow in his sentences. He mingles laughter, sometimes harsh, with realism; and he sees himself as one of the figures in the tragi-comedy at which he laughs.

In his latest book, "THE MAN ON MY BACK" (Macmillan, 12s. 6d.), he has written his autobiography and no book that he has written has been more original—not even the book in which he portrayed Mary Queen of Scots, not as one of the world's great lovers but as an undersexed politician. (This may seem a perverse theory, but apparently John Buchan, who was no modernist, agreed with it.)

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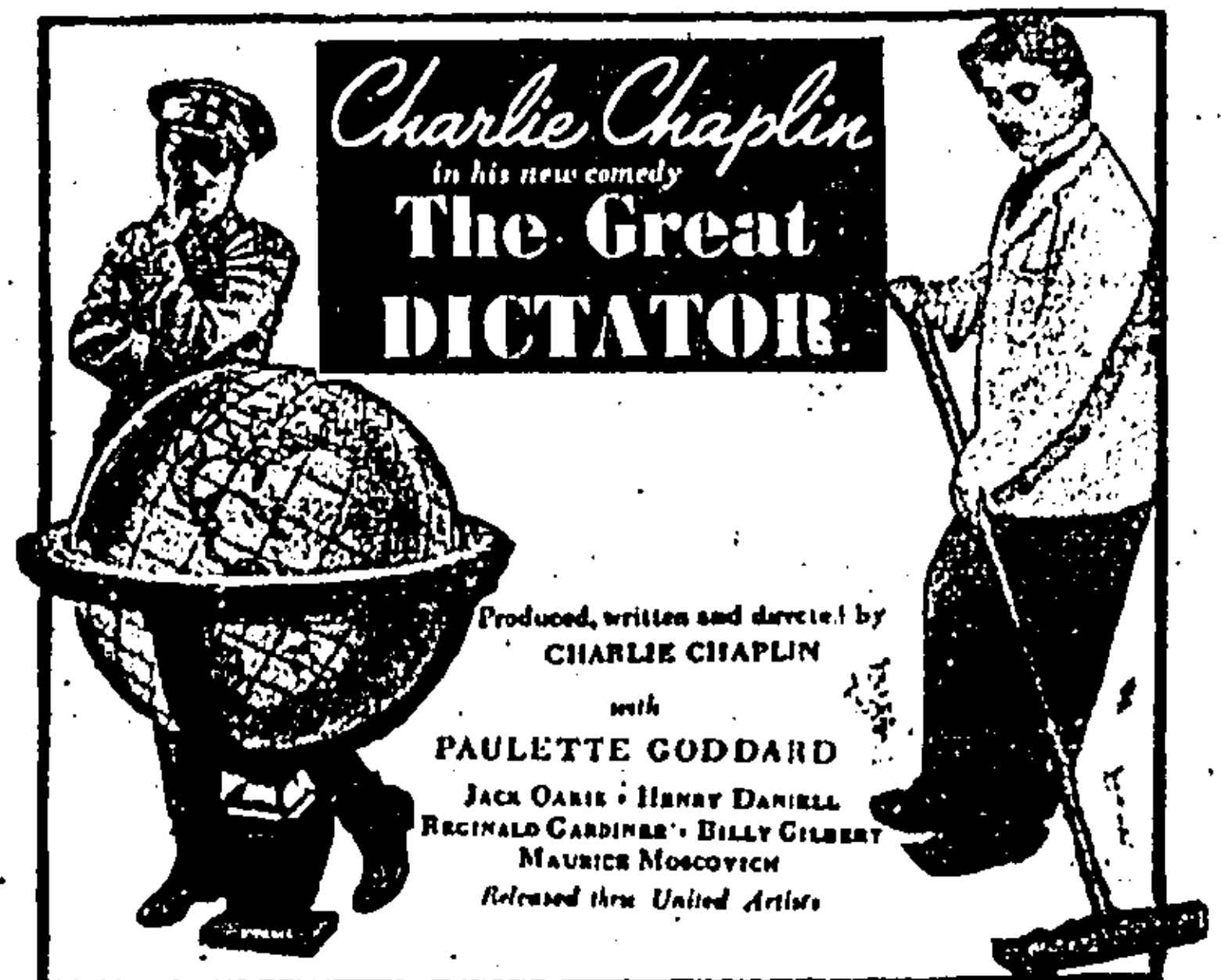


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CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutiner

The French agreement with Hitler, by which Pétain's Government agrees to co-operate with the Reich, is rather despicable, for it is obviously made at the expense of France's former allies. Moreover, such advantageous terms could never have been gained if the British Empire had not continued the war.

It is not strange that Hitler, Goebbels and Goering should attract to their side men of the calibre of Laval, Darlan and Quisling, not one of whom in normal times would be accepted by the respectable people of the respective countries, but it is surprising that the people should not protest against such a betrayal of trust.

If Syria is to be handed over to the Germans as a base for operations in Iraq, it is clear that the army in Palestine must invade the French mandated territory. If Syria, then Morocco and Tunisia also become involved as well as French Somaliland, which would immediately fall to the Allied forces in East Africa.

While the French government under Marshal Pétain is anxious to obey its German masters, and besmirch French honour, it is certain that the common people pray for the British victory which their government by its actions is doing everything to prevent.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" states that when Jean Gabin, a leading film actor in France, arrived in New York recently he was asked what the attitude of the French was towards the British.

"We are both pro and anti-British," he said. "Those who are pro-British say each night in their prayers: 'Please God let the gallant British win quickly.' Those who are anti-British say each night in their prayers: 'Please God let the dirty British win right away.'"

SYRIA

Syria is the term used vaguely to describe the whole region from the eastern Mediterranean coast to the banks of the Euphrates, bounded on the north by the Anatolian plateau, and on the south by the Arabian desert. More particularly, the term applies to the region north of the Transjordan. It consists of a fertile coastal belt, then mountainous areas, sloping down to grasslands and the Arabian desert.

Before the Great War, an Arab nationalist movement developed, and this found expression in the establishment of an Arab Kingdom under the Emir Faisal at Damascus in 1920. By the peace settlement, Syria became a French mandated territory under the League of Nations. The mandate was "A" class, like that of Iraq, which contemplated eventual independence; and ever since the French have been trying to reconcile Arab nationalism with minority claims and their own interests.

In 1921 they ceded the district of Cilicia, lying between the Asia Minor coast and the Taurus mountains, to Turkey, and just before the present war they handed over the valuable port of Alexandretta and the old city of Antioch in north Syria as well.

The remainder of Syria was organised as two Republics. The Lebanese Republic, with the port of Beirut as its capital, occupies the coast from the Palestine frontier to Tripoli, and the Syrian Republic, with Damascus for its capital, the remainder. In this state the Jebel Druze and certain other areas enjoy a certain degree of autonomy. The Arab nationalists desired a united state and looked at the progress of Iraq towards independence and membership of the League of Nations (achieved 1932) with envy; the history of the mandate was sometimes stormy, but in 1936 treaties of

friendship were signed with the two Republics which did much to ease the tension.

With the outbreak of war Syria became of great importance, for it provided the connecting link between Britain in Egypt and Palestine with Turkey, and also between Turkey and Iraq. Further, a pipe line from the Mosul oilfields ran through Syria to Tripoli. Syria became the headquarters of the strategic army of the East under General Weygand, who had under his immediate command there 100,000 to 150,000 troops.

General Weygand was succeeded in May 1940 by General Mitelhäuser as Commander-in-Chief. He in turn

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was replaced by General Fougere, who was more amenable to the Vichy Government. The High Commissioner, M. Puaux, after a period of doubt, decided to obey the orders of Marshal Pétain, but in November he was replaced by the notorious ex-Chief of Police in Paris, M. Chiappe. After Chiappe's death, while flying over the Tyrrhenian sea, General Dentz, who surrendered Paris to the Germans, was appointed High Commissioner.

VON PAPEN AND TURKEY

The ostentatious manner in which von Papen returned to Ankara this week suggests that he is very sure of himself and of Turkey's collaboration in the economic sphere at least. Hitler's Ambassador at Ankara has a reputation for diplomatic manners, but this in itself is hardly sufficient to account for his extraordinary survival of major blunders.

As German military attaches in Washington at the beginning of the last war, carelessness of the most comprehensive kind led to his being unmasked as an organiser of espionage and sabotage in the country, then at peace, to which he was accredited. He and his colleague, Captain Boyd, were expelled from America in December 1916, and the seizure of his papers by the British authorities at Falmouth yielded the names of 128 German secret agents in the U.S.A.

As ambitious post-war politician and Chancellor of Germany, von Papen committed the fundamental error of imagining that he could use and control Hitler and the rising Nazi party. His two secretaries and best friends, von Bose and Jung, were murdered in his own office in the Purge of 1934, and he himself barely escaped with his life. This, however, did not prevent him from taking service under the Nazis.

After the murder of Dollfus in July 1934, Hitler sent von Papen to Austria, where he negotiated the new Austro-German agreement two years later. The bullying of Schuschnigg at Berchtesgaden in February 1938, which preceded the Nazi invasion of Austria, is said to have been von

Papen's idea, Hitler having previously refused to meet any loyal Austrians.

Von Papen's experience of the shady side of diplomacy doubtless recommended him to Hitler in spite of his mistakes. After his return from America in 1918 he served as German liaison officer in the Turkish Army. Nazi methods of diplomacy are indicated by the German Transoceanic News Service of February 27, which quotes the Madrid paper, "Falcon," as saying that "although Mr Eden was received by some members of the Turkish Government, the fact must not be overlooked that on the preceding day the German Ambassador von Papen had given a banquet in honour of Turkey's Premier and the Foreign Minister. The showing of the German film 'Victory in the West' at this banquet made a profound impression on the guests. Recent events in the near East confirm this view."

JAPAN IN THE PACIFIC

The Japanese have been making strong efforts to bring the China incident to an end, and the latest drive in Shansi and Hupoh suggests that they mean business before American aid can become really effective. The pact with Russia has released several divisions from Manchuria, which of course pleases Stalin, who continues to help China with arms and munitions of war.

Russia's chief aim is keep the peace within her own borders and see to it that those who threaten them will gratify their aggressive instincts by fighting elsewhere.

Mr Matsuo included Russia for the first time this week in referring to the policy of the Axis powers. It sounded rather strange, but there it was. The miracle has happened—Stalin kissed Matsuo on the station platform at Moscow, and the latter now reciprocates that affectionate embrace. Japanese suspicions of Soviet intentions all these years have been apparently misplaced, and now everything is pleasantly arranged.

Japan proceeds to the conquest of China with Russian connivance, and China resists with Russian help, and this is preliminary to the mastery of East Asia. The stage is set, and powerful forces are lining up in Malaya, in the Philippines and in Hawaii. America is regarded in Japan as a country which has dedicated its life to isolationism and appeasement. But letters in the American press—and they are fairly numerous—if read by Japanese statesmen would quickly disabuse their minds of such ideas about the United States. It is certain that there is not only a strong attachment to China in the United States, but a deep antagonism to Japan which is demanding warlike expression. So far from Japan being regarded in America as a second Germany she is now identified with Italy. While an extension of the war to the Pacific would be regarded in America as a calamity, it is also felt that it might very well be a good thing for the allies if it did occur.

The decision in this matter rests with Japan, however, and not with the allies, whose policy is one of defence and not aggression.

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